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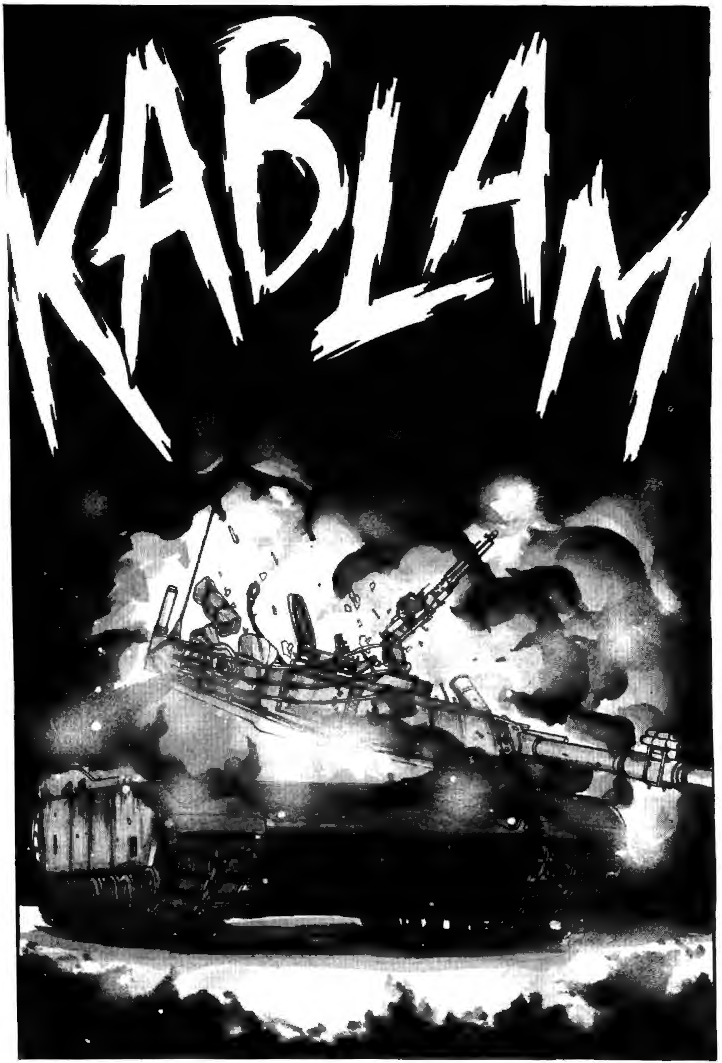
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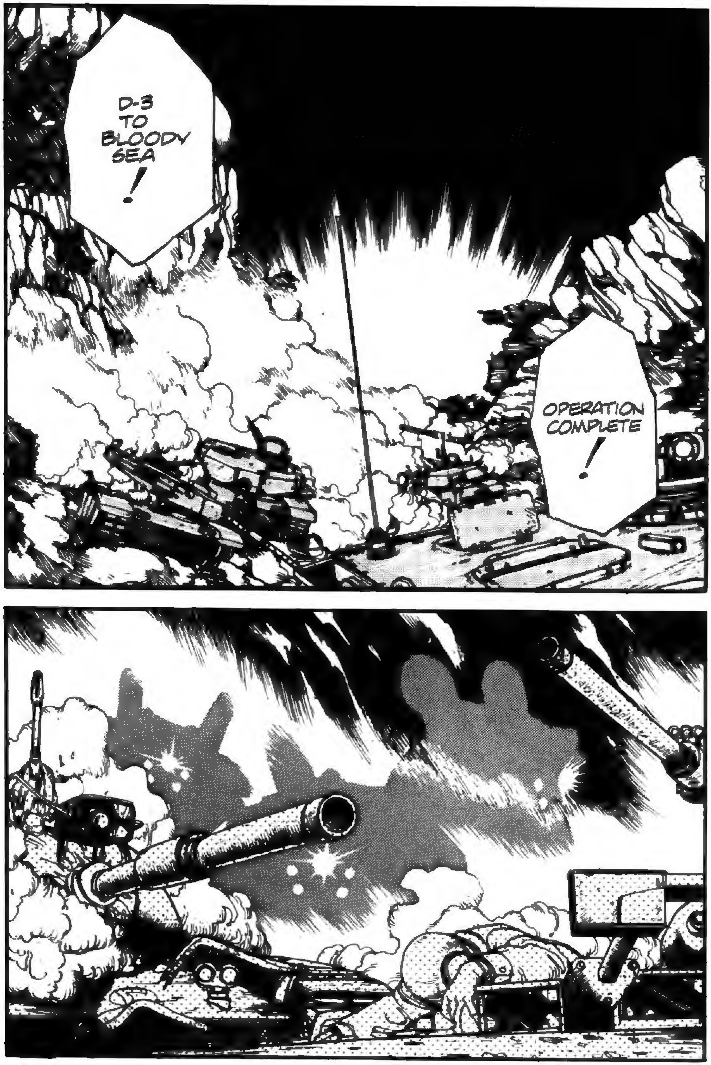
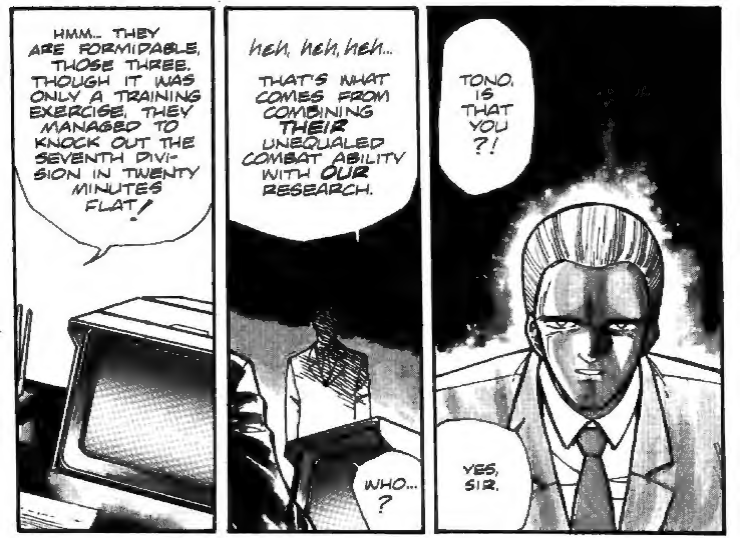

D-3 TO BLOODY SEA!
OPERATION COMPLETE!


HMM... THEY ARE FORMIDABLE, THOSE THREE. THOUGH IT WAS ONLY A TRAINING EXERCISE, THEY MANAGED TO KNOCK OUT THE SEVENTH DIVISION IN TWENTY MINUTES FLAT!
heh, heh, heh...
THAT'S WHAT COMES FROM COMBINING THEIR UNEQUALED COMBAT ABILITY WITH OUR RESEARCH.
WHO...?
TONO. IS THAT YOU?!
YES, SIR.

YES... THEY ARE SKILLED ENOUGH TO HAVE EARNED THEIR NAME..
THE DEMON THREE, INDEED!

SCENE 1

THE ROAMING OF DEMONS

I

YOU... YOU'RE SOFT, XENON!
YOU ARE...
...JUST LIKE ME!
BE HAPPY... ASUKA...
grr,unch
KRSSSS!!
MOM...

scrrich
!!
SONOKO...
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HERE.

LET'S GO BACK TO GRANDPA'S... EVERYONE'S WORRYING ABOUT YOU...
I DON'T TRUST THAT OLD MAN!
LIKE HIM OR NOT, ASUKA... YOU CAN'T LIVE HERE!
IF YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME AROUND, YOU'RE GOING TO END UP JUST LIKE MY MOTHER!
DEAD!

ASUKA...
?!
ASUKA! SONOKO! GET ROLLING!
I'M NOT TOO FOND OF HEIGHTS!
uff
pff
GRRR...

YOU WANT HIM CAPTURED ALIVE ?!
WH-WHY ?
I'VE SUSPENDED THE ORDER TO DESTROY HIM..
AFTER X-777 ESCAPED, WE MADE SEVEN XENONS EXACTLY LIKE HIM..
EACH ONE REJECTED THE XENONIC IMPLANTS THEY WERE ALL FAILURES..
THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT ASUKA KANO !

SOMETHING SPECIAL?
PROJECT X WILL NEVER BE COMPLETED!
CORRECT. UNLESS WE FIND OUT WHAT THAT DIFFERENCE IS...
USE THE DEMON THREE! CAPTURE XENON AT ALL COSTS!
YES SIR

SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING US
HOW'S MY PONYTAIL ?
THE BLOODY SEA ...AGAIN ?
TRÈS CUTE.
...?!
SCREAMING!
WAS IT MY IMAGI-NATION ?

SCREECH
EEEEEEEEEEEEE
WHOOOSH

EEEK!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I'M SO SORRY!
A-A CAUCASIAN!
I-I LOST CONTROL!
I GUESS I'M JUST NOT USED TO THE ROADS HERE YET.
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL
sp!!!!

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP HOLDING ON TO ME?
WHAT?
UH.. ha, ha, ha. UM?
RISA!
swoosh
UH-- I'M SORRY.
EVEN I HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET!
SO THAT'S XENON.
KKK
KKK
..WHO'S THERE?!

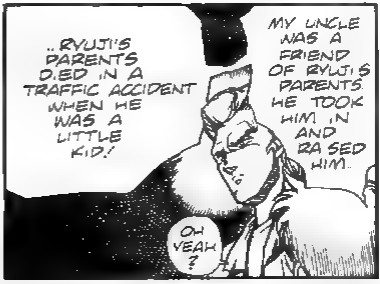
fwump
NOBODY
?!
A LENS CAP..
?!
ASUKA, PLEASE! JUST DO YOUR ADJUST-MENT EXERCISES
!
OH SHUT UP!

I TOLD YOU-- I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP!
IF YOU DON'T TRAIN YOURSELF PROPERLY, YOU'LL END UP LIKE NUMBER 204!
I'M DIFFERENT FROM HIM!
NO! YOU ARE NOT!
I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CYBORG BODY THAN ANYONE!
IS THIS HOW YOU PLAN TO AVENGE YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH?!
OLD MAN, YOU...!
!!
WUMP
JUST STOP IT, ASUKA!

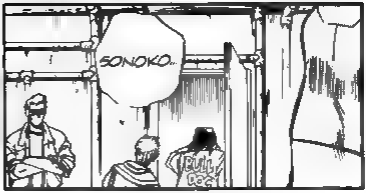
SLAPP!
I DON'T LIKE YOU ANYMORE!
STOP TAKING OUT YOUR PROBLEMS ON MY GRANDFATHER!
I SAW YOUR MOTHER KILLED BY THAT ROBOT-MONSTER!
GRANDPA TOLD ME THE POLICE WOULD NEVER HELP US, AND AFTER THAT, WE GOT ATTACKED!
ASUKA, ALL OF US CAN TELL THAT SOMETHING IS EATING YOU UP INSIDE--SOMETHING WE ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN'T POSSIBLY IMAGINE!
WELL... SHE FINALLY SAID IT!
TH-THAT'S OKAY, SONOKO.
NO, IT'S NOT OKAY!

YOU USED TO HATE RYUJI AND HIS CHEERLEADERS-- HOW THEY HAD TO GANG UP TO DO ANYTHING.
YOU WEREN'T AFRAID TO BE YOURSELF. THAT'S WHY I LIKED YOU.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL, SONOKO!
NO, ASUKA-- I DON'T!

YOU'VE CHANGED. YOU'RE NOT THE ASUKA I USED TO KNOW.

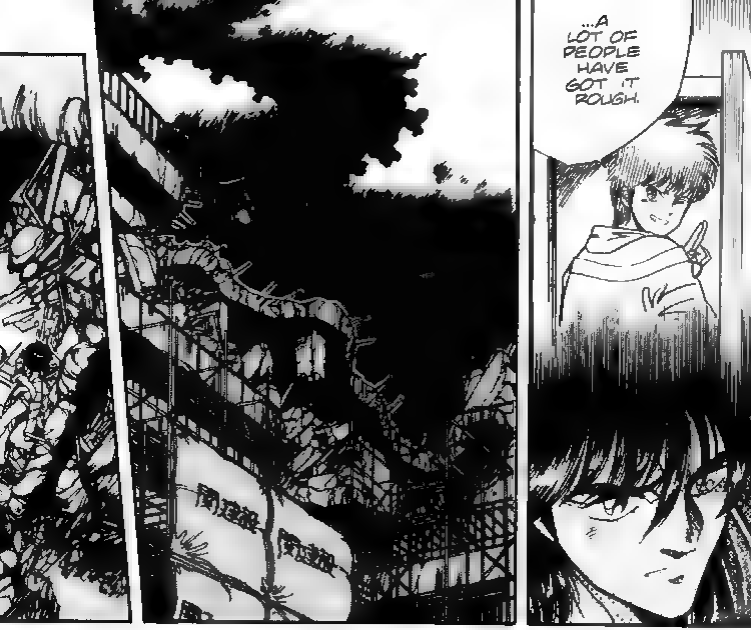

..RYUJI'S PARENTS D.ED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE KID.'
MY UNCLE WAS A FRIEND OF RYUJI'S PARENTS. HE TOOK HIM IN AND RAISED HIM.
OH YEAH?

...IT'S WRONG OF YOU TO THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY UNHAPPY ONE!


SONOKO..
RYUJI'S HERE!

WHAT STUPID TALK.
RYUJI..

OH, GREAT! NOW THEY'VE BOTH STALKED OFF!
HEY, ASUKA! IT'S TRUE ABOUT RYUJI..
..AND ALL THE GUYS IN HIS CHEERLEADER GROUP WERE KILLED!
THE TV SAID THAT WAS JUST A GAS EXPLOSION TOO, BUT IT WASN'T.
HE MAY NOT SHOW IT, BUT RYUJI THINKS IT'S ALL HIS FAULT.. HE DOESN'T EVEN COME TO SCHOOL ANYMORE
...IM BEGINNING TO THINK BETTER OF RYUJI..
IN COMPARISON, YOU'RE ACTING..
...REALLY PATHETIC!
A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE GOT IT ROUGH. REAL ROUGH. THEY SURVIVE.
ASUKA, PEOPLE ARE GOING KABLOOEY ALL AROUND YOU! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!


...A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE GOT IT ROUGH.

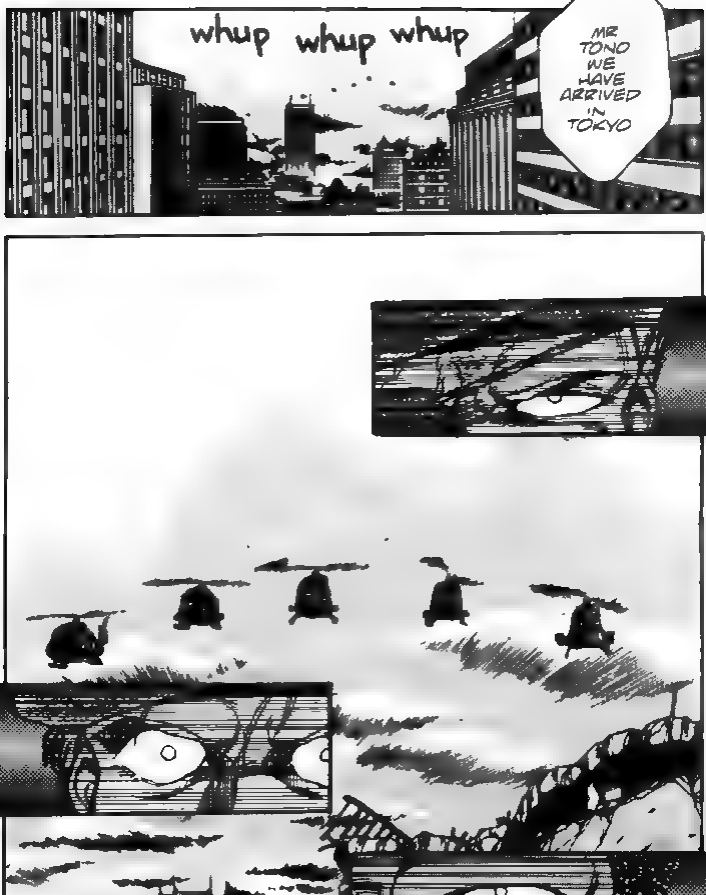
heh
heh. heh..

IT'S WRONG OF YOU TO THINK..
YOU'RE THE ONLY UNHAPPY ONE!

Shh
HOW CAN I LET MYSELF BE LECTURED AT BY THOSE GIRLS?

MOM.
...I WON'T BE COMING BACK HERE ANYMORE.
..I'M THROUGH PITYING MYSELF.
I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET ON WITH IT

I CAN'T EVEN MAKE YOU A GRAVE.. THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SCATTER.
..IM SORRY..


whup whup whup
MR TONO WE HAVE ARRIVED IN TOKYO

SCENE 2

THE ROAMING OF DEMONS

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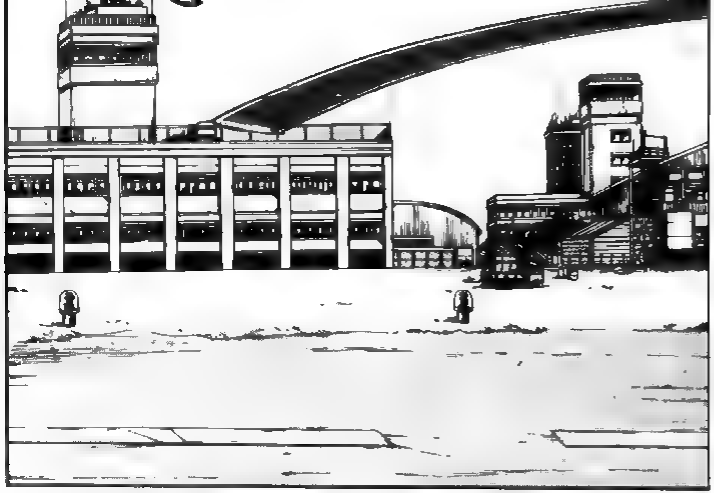
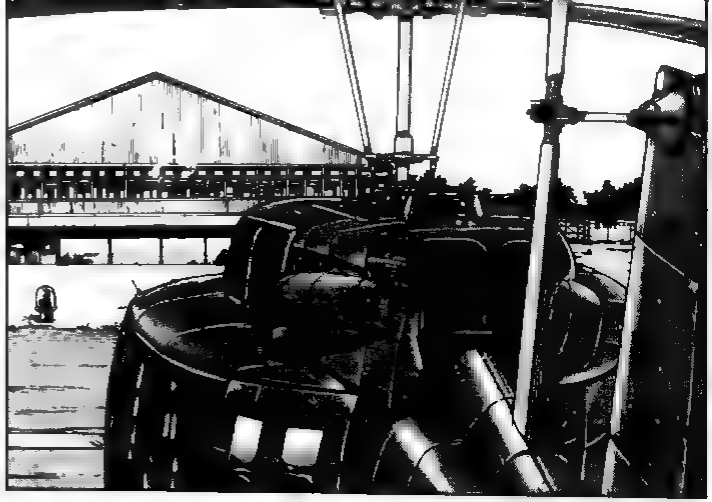
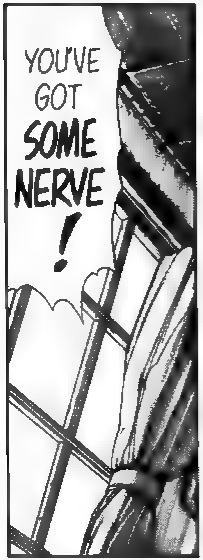
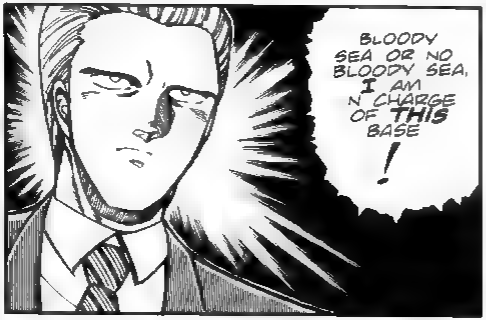
uhn.

GET SET! PUT OUT THE BOOSTERS THE INSTANT THE BLIPS ONSCREEN GO INSIDE THE TARGET AREA!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
DON'T BE TEDIOUS, OLD MAN!
Ping
Ping
Ping
D.D...
Seee
Seee
DAMN!
KLICK

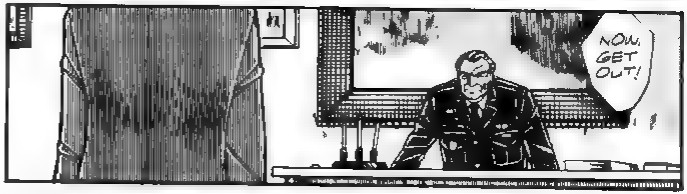




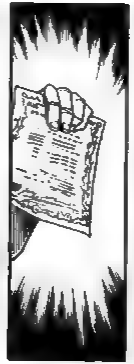

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE!

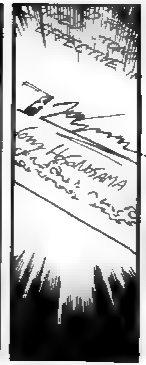

BLOODY SEA OR NO BLOODY SEA, I AM N CHARGE OF THIS BASE!

YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN AND TAKE OVER!


NOW, GET OUT!

I ALREADY HAVE AUTHORIZATION ON THIS MATTER.

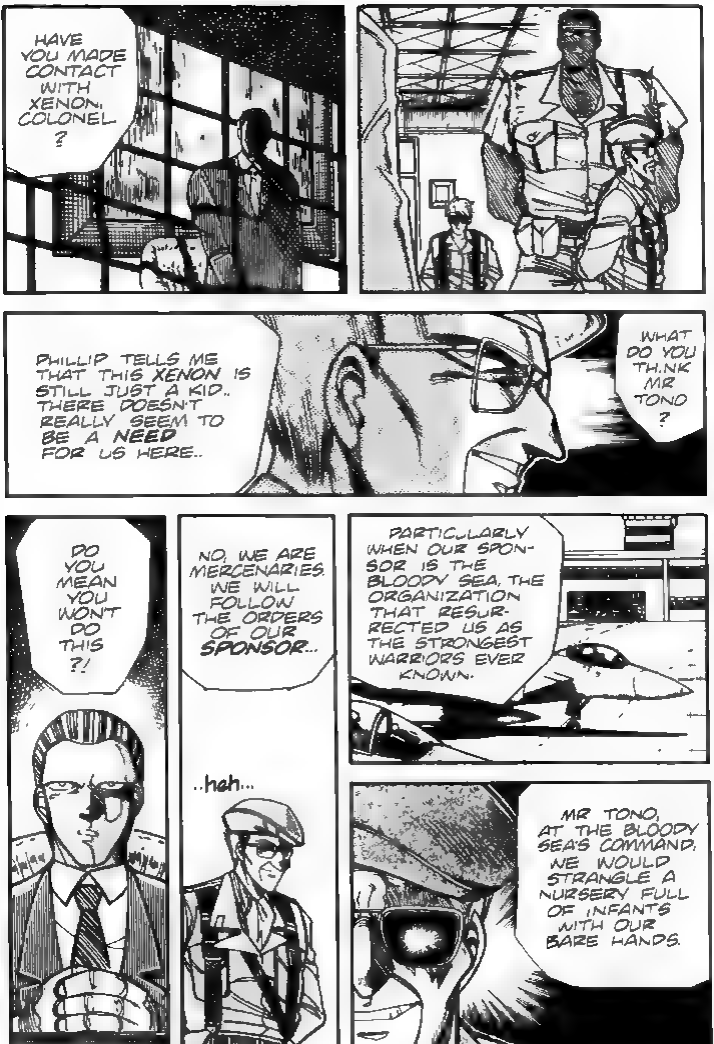




TH-THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE?!

ACCORDING TO THIS SPECIAL ORDER, I TAKE COMMAND OF THE BASE AS OF TODAY
COME IN.
ガチャ
THE--
--THE DEMON THREE!

PHILLID!
SAMSON!
COLONEL LARK!
BUT-- BUT THEY WERE KILLED ON THE FRONT LINES IN LATIN AMERICA!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A WELL DESERVED LITTLE VACATION FOR A WHILE COMMANDER?
WHAT?!
B-BUT!
GOODNIGHT, BOY!


HAVE YOU MADE CONTACT WITH XENON, COLONEL ?
PHILLIP TELLS ME THAT THIS XENON IS STILL JUST A KID.. THERE DOESN'T REALLY SEEM TO BE A NEED FOR US HERE..
WHAT DO YOU THINK MR TONO ?
DO YOU MEAN YOU WON'T DO THIS ?!
NO, WE ARE MERCENARIES. WE WILL FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF OUR SPONSOR...
..heh...
PARTICULARLY WHEN OUR SPONSOR IS THE BLOODY SEA, THE ORGANIZATION THAT RESURRECTED US AS THE STRONGEST WARRIORS EVER KNOWN.
MR TONO, AT THE BLOODY SEA'S COMMAND, WE WOULD STRANGLE A NURSERY FULL OF INFANTS WITH OUR BARE HANDS.

heh...
PHILLIP, I WANT TO SEE JUST HOW GOOD HE IS! TRY A SECOND ATTACK!
YES, SIR.. COLONEL.
WHY, RYUJI ?!
WHY CAN'T WE GO IN ?!
YEAH, WHAT'S THE DEAL ?!

WE JUST MADE TEA FOR THOSE TWO INSIDE!
I EVEN BROUGHT SOME FOR YOU!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
A DISTURBANCE!
HUH?
Grrrr
RYUJI!
UHH... OH
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS ANSWER EVERYTHING WITH ONE WORD! WE AREN'T MIND READERS! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "DISTURBANCE"?
EASY, SONOKO..
klik

HI.
Squee
phew
I THOUGHT I HEARD SONOKO'S VOICE!
TOO MUCH FOR EVEN A GANGLEADER TO DEAL WITH, HUH?
H-HAVE YOU FINISHED FOR TODAY, ASUKA?
YEAH... FOR TODAY.
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ASUKA?
YEAH, I JUST NEED TO GET SOME FRESH AIR, THAT'S ALL
SEE YOU.
ASUKA...
KLIK

AT LEAST HE'S GIVING IT A SHOT NOW, RIGHT?
YEAH.
"NO! YOU'RE HOPELESS! YOUR EMOTIONS ARE ALL SCATTERED!
"YOU'LL END UP LIKE NUMBER 204!"
" THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THE MACHINE INSIDE YOU FROM DEVOURING YOUR SOUL IS TO BE AWARE OF YOURSELF ALL THE TIME!"
DAMN THAT OLD BASTARD!

"YOUR MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY IS YOUR OWN FOOLHARDY YOUTH!"

cli/k
cli/k
cli/k

DON'T MOVE STAY JUST AS YOU ARE!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

OH, SORRY!
YOU'RE JUST SO PHOTOGENIC I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

MY NAME IS YOKO SAENO I'M A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER.
I'LL GIVE YOU MY PHONE NUMBER...
YOU CAN COME BY AND PICK UP THE PICTURES SOMETIME.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BOYS YOUNGER THAN YOU?
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS ?
"THE BLOODY SEA..."
heh...
CHACHINK
WHAT ?!
NOOO!
BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLAM BLAM BLAM

FWUMP
WE KILLED HIM
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
WAIT!
WHO SENT YOU AFTER ME?
WHO!?

YAAAAH!
F-FREAK!
WOOSH

SHOW YOURSELF, BLOODY SEA!
WHUD
WHAT?!
CLONK
SSSSSSSS
SHRRR
ha, ha, ha! THIS WAY, XENON!
BASTARD!
KABOOM
DAMN!

NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO FIGHT!!

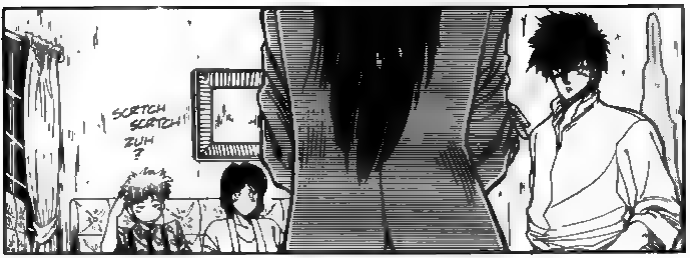
DAMN! IS SOMEONE ELSE WITH HIM?!
WHAT IN THE HELL WAS THAT?
WALT!
Whang
I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE!
!?
"TH-THAT YOUNG WOMAN?"

WHAT ?! THE BLOODY SEA ?!
ZZZ
YEAH.. NEW GUYS. AND THEY SEEM DIFFERENT FROM NUMBER 204, SOMEHOW.
HMMM
SONOKO ! RISA !
Y-YES?

YOU TWO HAVE GOT TO STAY AWAY FROM HERE--AWAY FROM US!
THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF!
I DON'T CARE HOW SERIOUS IT IS!
WE DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON YET...
HZUH? WHZZAT?
THERE ARE THINGS YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT UNDERSTANDING!
EXACTLY!
YOU-- YOU'RE...!
HI!

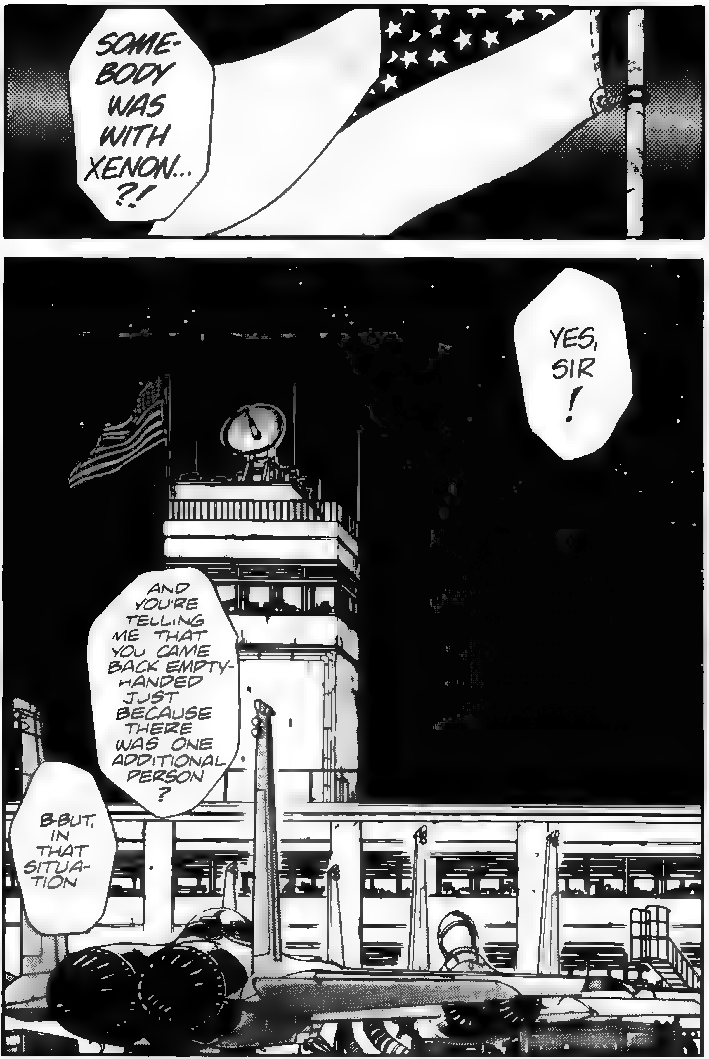
SCENE 3

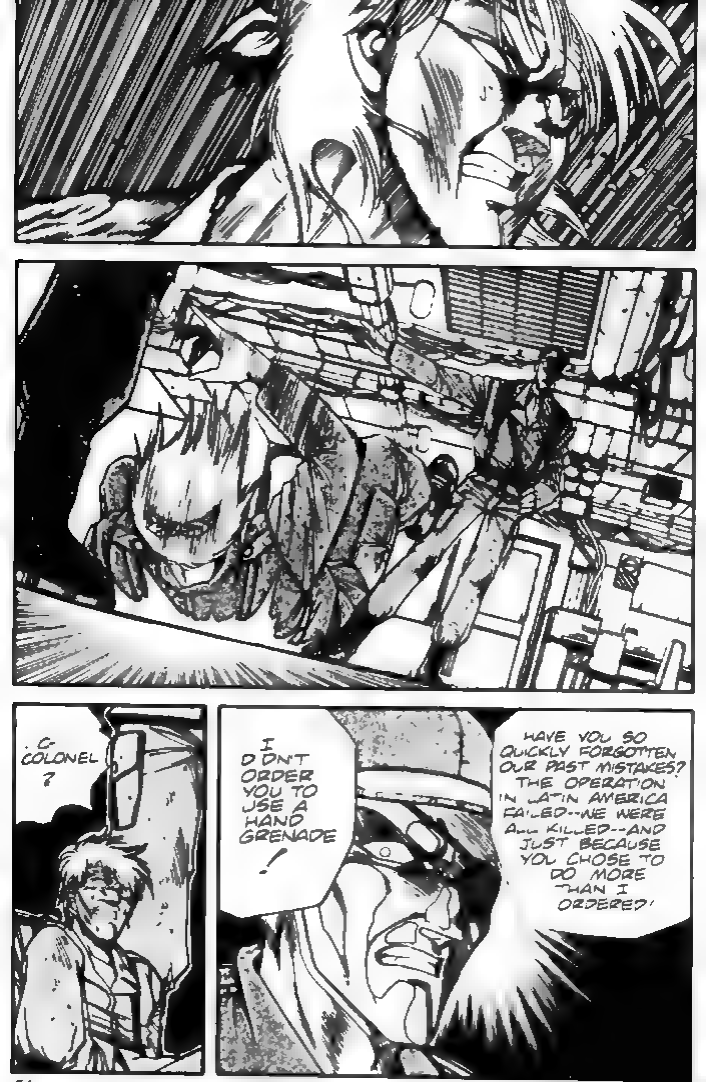
THE ROAMING OF DEMONS III

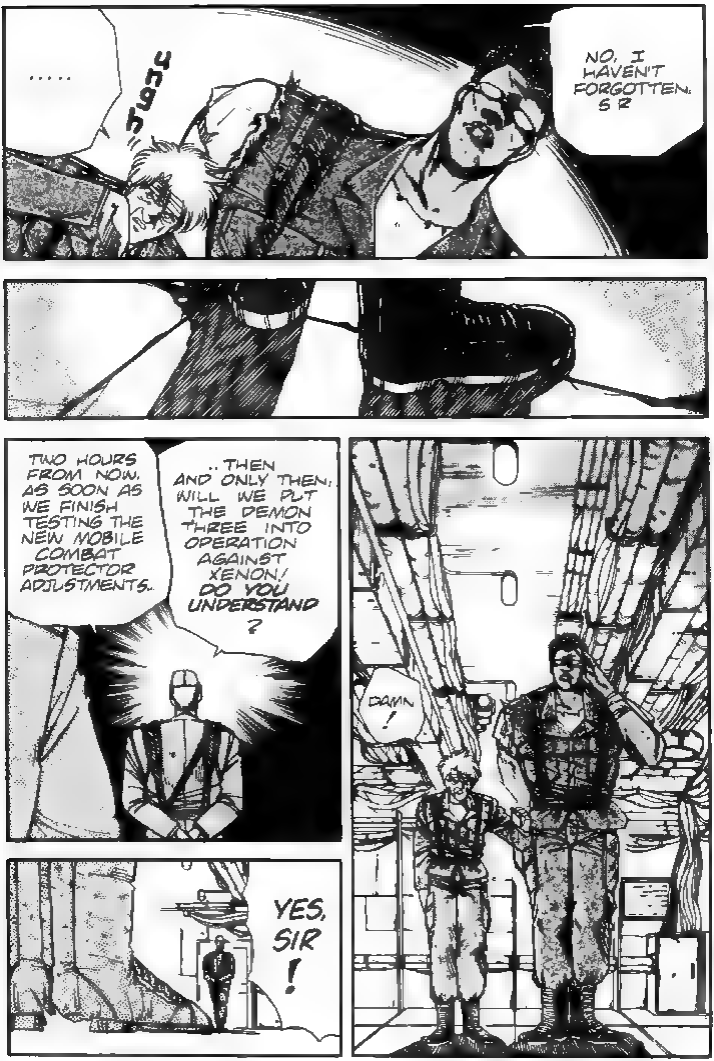

SCRITCH SCRITCH!
ZUH ?

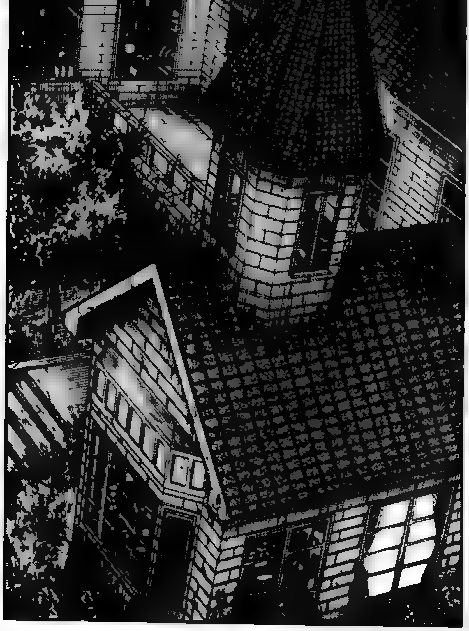
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

heh... I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD SEE YOU AGAIN SO SOON..
...I'M SORRY YOUR NAME ?
IS THAT YOU.. Y-YOKO?! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
WH WHAT ?!
WHY IT'S YOU, OLD MAN!
YOKO!
MAYBE SHE LIKES OLDER GUYS..

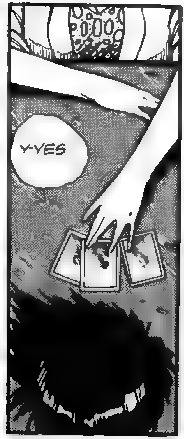

SOME-BODY WAS WITH XENON... ?!
YES, SIR!
AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU CAME BACK EMPTY-HANDED JUST BECAUSE THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON?
B-BUT, IN THAT SITUA-TION


HAVE YOU SO QUICKLY FORGOTTEN OUR PAST MISTAKES? THE OPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA FAILED--WE WERE ALL KILLED--AND JUST BECAUSE YOU CHOSE TO DO MORE THAN I ORDERED!
I DON'T ORDER YOU TO USE A HAND GRENADE!
COLONEL?


.....
TCCH
NO, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN, SIR
TWO HOURS FROM NOW, AS SOON AS WE FINISH TESTING THE NEW MOBILE COMBAT PROTECTOR ADJUSTMENTS.
..THEN AND ONLY THEN, WILL WE PUT THE DEMON THREE INTO OPERATION AGAINST XENON./ DO YOU UNDERSTAND ?
YES, SIR !
DAMN !



ASJKA
. THESE ARE THE GUYS YOU'RE UP AGAINST.


Y-YES

COLONEL LELAND LARK,
..PHILLIP HUDSON,
..MOHAMMED Al SAMSON.
ALL THREE ARE EX-GREEN BERET SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXPERTS
AFTER THEIR DISCHARGE FROM THE GREEN BERETS, THEY CONTINUED TO FIGHT AS MERCENARIES IN BATTLEFIELDS AROUND THE WORLD
THEY'VE BEEN CALLED "DEMONS" BY MANY.
DEMONS... ?
THEY'RE VICIOUS AND THEY SEEM CAPABLE OF INCREDIBLE FEATS...
...THEIR SPECIAL TACTICS CAN EASILY DESTROY AN ENTIRE COMPANY... IT'S BEEN SAID THAT FACING THEM IS LIKE BEING IN A DEMON'S PALM- ONCE TRAPPED THERE, YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE ALIVE...

...YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM, ASUKA!

hmph
WHAT A JOKE..

AT AN AMERICAN M.LITARY BASE WH.CH THE BLOODY SEA HAS TAKEN OVER
THEY'RE UNDER THE COMMAND OF A GUY NAMED TONO

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

TONO!

SO.
HE'S WITH THEM..
NOW YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, GIRLS ?
THIS IS NO GAME FOR CHILDREN !
HUH ?
YOU'VE HAD YOUR EXPLANATIONS..
NOW GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP!
WELL, DON'T YOU TALK BIG FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST BREEZED IN THE DOOR!
SONOKO ! SPEAK UP!
SO...
IS THIS HOW ALL OF YOU FEEL?
.....

ASUKA...
.....
SONOKO.
SHE'S RIGHT
ALL RIGHT
I'LL GO HOME THIS TIME.
S-SONOKO..
BUT. JUST YOU WAIT. I'LL BE BACK
YOU CAN COUNT ON IT.

SHALL I TAKE YOU HOME ?
I'M NOT A CHILD!
I CAN GET HOME BY MYSELF!
SHE'S SO TOUGH THESE DAYS!
SPIIII!
SILLY OLD WOMAN!
SLAMM
AAGH!
I'M ONLY TWENTY YEARS OLD!
koff koff ha koff koff
PERHAPS YOU SPOKE TOO HARSHLY ?
NO IT'S BETTER TO HAVE LEVELED WITH THEM.
THANKS, YOKO

SHHH
AAA
..THIS FEELING. THIS OVER-WHELMING SADNESS..
SIIAAA
...IT'S ENOUGH THAT I SHOULD HAVE TO FEEL IT.. NO ONE ELSE.

THD
THD
THD
THD
THD
...HE-- A HUGE PLACE.
BATHROOM
KLICK
WHA-?
I-I'M SORRY/ I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE WAS IN HERE !!
!!
...YOU..!
...ARE-- ARE YOU...

...A CYBORG?!
NO!
SLAMASH!
WHUMP
ASUKA, I WOULD NEVER LET MYSELF BE THEIR SERVANT! I WOULD DIE FIRST!
THE BLOODY SEA! Y-YOU'RE ONE OF THEM!

YOU'VE HEARD, HAVEN'T YOU, ABOUT A GIRL WHO WON EVERY SPRINT IN HER DIVISION AT THE NATIONAL MEET THREE YEARS AGO ?!
NO WONDER I THOUGHT I'D SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE.
...YOU'RE YOKO MIZUNO, THE TRACK STAR !
BUT I HEARD THERE WAS A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AND--
THEY SAID I WOULD NEVER RECOVER I KNOW, ASUKA. BUT I DIDN'T REALLY CARE. I WAS TIRED OF THE CONSTANT ATTENTION, OF BEING PUBLIC PROPERTY..
I THOUGHT THAT FINALLY I WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LIVE LIKE A NORMAL GIRL..
THEN I WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE BLOODY SEA
THEY USED MY LEGS.
...I WAS A GUINEA PIG TO CREATE XENON--
TO CREATE YOU!

I WANTED TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE. BUT NO ONE WOULD LOVE ME THIS WAY
NO ONE...
HOW COULD I MARRY SOMEONE !?
OR HAVE A BABY !?
GIVE THEM BACK TO ME!
GIVE MY LEGS BACK TO ME!

WHAT HAPPENED, ASUKA ?!
NOTH.NG. IT'S OVER.
?!
I--I'M SORRY YOU'RE VERY NICE, AREN'T YOU ?
DON'T BE SILLY
AAAGHH!
W-WHAT IS IT ?
DAMN! HOLD HER, ASUKA !

WHOOM
WHAT THE HELL HAS HAPPENED TO HER ?!
EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE !
AGH!
UNGH!
THE ONE PROBLEM NEITHER I NOR THE BLOODY SEA COULD EVER SOLVE..
THE HUMAN BODY REJECTS THE ARTIFICIAL... REBELS AGAINST THE MACHINE.. IT'S PAINFUL.
B-BUT, I... WILL I BECOME LIKE HER EVENTUALLY?!
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOUR ESCAPE ?
A MONTH...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO REACT NEGATIVELY, IT WILL BE SOON... BUT THERE'S NOTHING DEFINITE.
ARGH!
AIEE!
..UNH..
...UNH...
..UNH..
AIEEEEE!

"HOW COULD I MARRY SOMEONE!?

"OR HAVE A BABY!?"

ASUKA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?!
LOOK AFTER YOKO !
DEMONS OR NO DEMONS, I'LL SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL !
ASUKA!
WHOOSH
YOU SHOULDN'T FIGHT NOW.
...NOT READY.. YET..

THIS IS DEMON THREE. WE'RE READY START ANY TIME
THIS IS CONTROL. IF YOU'RE READY, WE'LL BEGIN NEW MOBILE COMBAT PROTECTOR SIMULATIONS IN 120 SECONDS!
U-WAIT! WE HAVE A DELAY!
UNIDENTIFIED INTRUDER ON THE RUNWAY AT THREE O'CLOCK!
GET IT ON MONITOR-- QUICKLY!
RIGHT AWAY, SIR!

BLEEP
XENON! I KNEW YOU WOULD COME!

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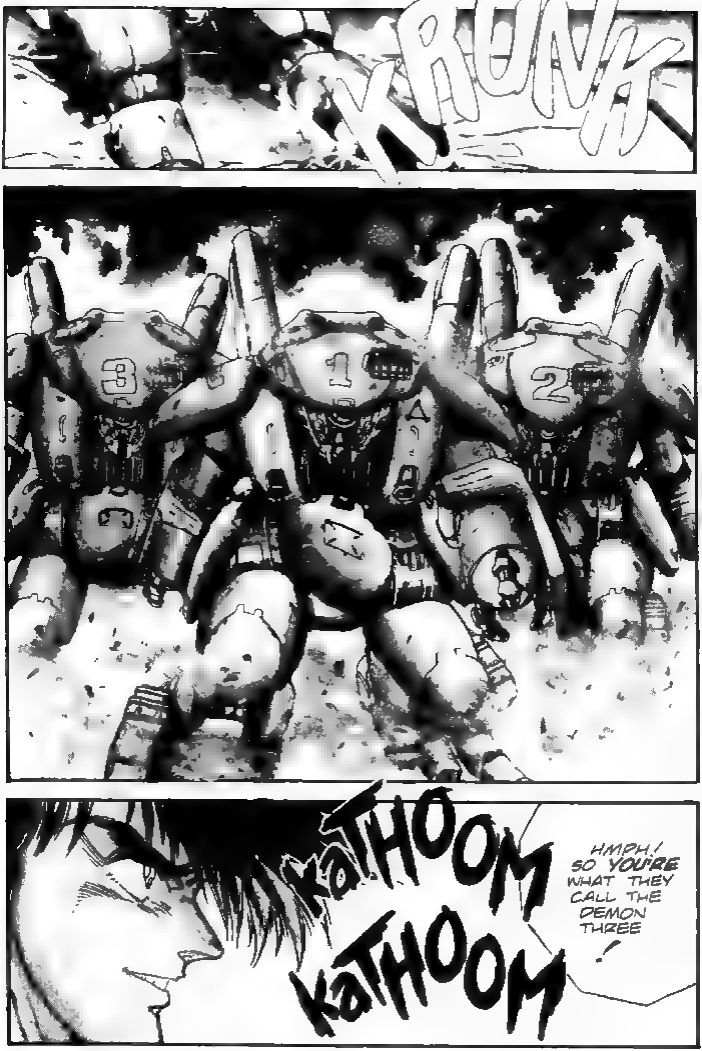
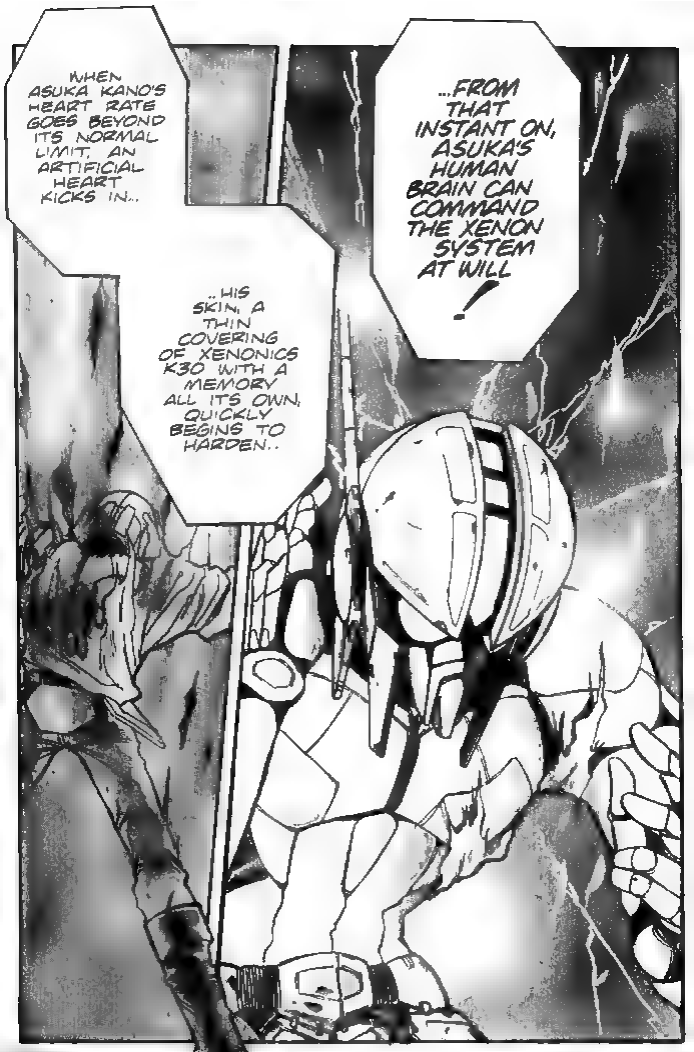
ka THOOM
ka THOOM
W-WHAT SHALL WE DO ?!
CONTINUE WITH THE S.MULATION!
DEMON THREE, USE LIVE SHELLS! TH:S :S NO LONGER A GAME!
AT YOUR COMMAND, MASTER !
HA HA, HA, HA...
THIS IS TOO RICH! HE CAME TO US!
SKREEEK


KRUNK
8
1
2
KATHOOM
KATHOOM
HMPH! SO YOU'RE WHAT THEY CALL THE DEMON THREE!

SURRENDER TO THE BLOODY SEA LIKE A GOOD BOY, XENON! IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF GOOD!
GADOOM
MY OWN GOOD!?
KATHOOM
KATHOOM
KATHOOM
KATHOOM
WAS IT ALSO FOR MY OWN GOOD THAT YOU KILLED MY MOTHER AND TURNED YOKO INTO A FREAK?!


WHEN ASUKA KANO'S HEART RATE GOES BEYOND ITS NORMAL LIMIT, AN ARTIFICIAL HEART KICKS IN..
..HIS SKIN, A THIN COVERING OF XENONICS K30 WITH A MEMORY ALL ITS OWN, QUICKLY BEGINS TO HARDEN..
..FROM THAT INSTANT ON, ASUKA'S HUMAN BRAIN CAN COMMAND THE XENON SYSTEM AT WILL!

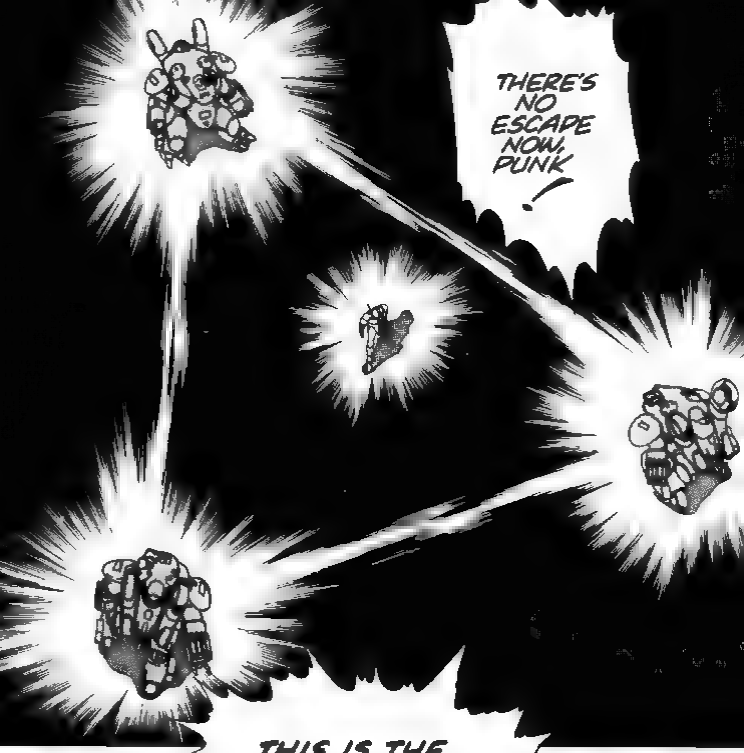
I'VE SWORN TO DEAL THE BLOODY SEA ITS DEATH BLOW!
THE TIME IS NOW!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
TAKE HIM, DEMON THREE!

KRANG
!!
HEH, HEH..
KHOING

VRRRRRRRRR
VRRROOOOMMM
WHAT?!
KRUNCH
OOMN!!
VRRRPP!

SKRAT
SKURSH
ROOO
KLIK
I--I CAN REMEMBER MCP UNITS OF THIS TYPE AT-- AT THE BLOODY SEA!
DAMN!
BUT THEY WERE LIKE CHEAP SHODDY ROBOT TOYS! HOW DO THESE GUYS MOVE SO FAST?!

KRANG!
KRANG!
KLIK
VAOOOMMSH
AAAGH!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
UNGH!
AFRAID YOU UNDERESTIMATED US, KID.


THERE'S NO ESCAPE NOW, PUNK!

THIS IS THE DEATH DANCE, AND YOUR DANCE CARD'S JUST BEEN FILLED!

YOU SOUND LIKE A STUPID COMIC BOOK VILLAIN! YOUR TACTICS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME!
reeeeKLICK
BIP BIP
PRIDE IS A MORTAL SIN, XENON!
KLICK

FWOOSH
BRICK
SIZZLE
VRROOOOMMM
DAMN!
THEY'RE ALWAYS JUST OUT OF REACH!
"YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM, ASUKA!"
WHY'D SHE HAVE TO BE SO RIGHT!?

THEY'RE TURNING THE RUNWAY TO RUBBLE!
KABLAM!
TRY TO CONTROL YOURSELF!
RRMMBB
HEH HEH HEH
THE BEST... YOU'RE THE BEST XENON!
AND YOU'RE ALL MINE!
CAPTURE YOU? NEVER! YOU'RE TOO GOOD TO BE CONTROLLED BY ANYONE.

...EVEN THE BLOODY SEA!
KEEPOI
血入禁止
ここより先米
DAMN! THEY'VE GOT ASUKA ON THE DEFENSIVE!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE! I'M GOING OUT THERE!
WAIT, RYUJI!

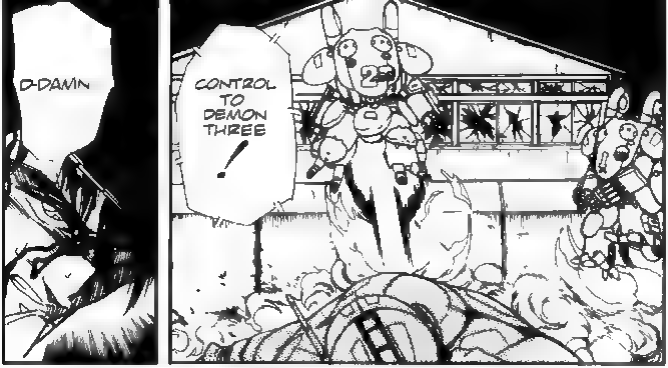
WHAT ARE YOU, A MERE HUMAN GOING TO DO IN A BATTLE LIKE THIS ?!
UH..
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO NOW IS LEARN ABOUT THE ENEMY! XENON WON'T FALL EASILY!
JUST BELIEVE IN HIM!
F-FINE! WHATEVER YOU WANT!
HALT! DON'T MOVE!
SWISH

STOP!
BLAM!
THUD!
HIYAH!
WHOMP!
WHEN,
WHY, YOKO? WHY DO YOU AND ASUKA HATE THEM SO?
IT EATS AT YOUR HEART.
YOU'RE STILL A YOUNG WOMAN.

THEY TOOK AWAY THE ONLY THING THAT TRULY MATTERS...
IT'S TOO LATE FOR US... BUT NO ONE ELSE--
-ASUKA...
DAMN! OUT HERE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!
GOTTA CHANGE THESE ODDS!
WOOSH
KABLAM

DEATH.
...IS THIS THE END...?
DEATH...
WOOOF
...NOT THIS TIME!
KRRAAKSH
UP 1
LEVEL UP
?!
ABOVE ME ?!

AAAAAGH!
KWUMP!
SAY YOUR LAST PRAYER, XENON!
SKSHT
UNGH!


D-DAMN
CONTROL TO DEMON THREE!

XENON IS YOURS! FINISH HIM OFF!
WHAT?! BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE HIM ALIVE!

I WANT THIS FINISHED! FIRE ALL MISSILES!
BREE
CHONK

FIRE!
KPOOSH
ASUKA!
ASUKA!

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ASUKA!
IF THAT MANY MISSILES HIT HIM EVEN ARMORED HE'LL BE KILLED!
RUN, ASUKA! RUN!
NOW WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, XENON?

WHAM!
HUH?
SNOOPY
Asuka
hmm..
MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP WITHOUT REALIZING IT
GEE, I'M SORE...
fuf fuf
FOUR IN THE MORNING..
..I WONDER WHAT ASUKA'S DREAMING OF TONIGHT..
aaah

IT'S FUNNY... AT FIRST I JUST SORT OF LIKED HIM FROM A DISTANCE...
. BUT NOW IT'S LIKE HE'S INSIDE ME SOMEWHERE... ALL THE TIME .
OH, NO! IT'S FALLEN OVER!

DUDOOM
DUDOOM
DUDOOM
ASUKA!
NO. SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM AGAIN!
NO...
...NO!!

BREEP
S-SONOKO..!?
BREEP BREEP
W-WHAT THE HELL ARE THOSE?
BREEP
MAINFRAME 2.1
BACK
DANGER
BREEP
BREEP
I'M NOT GOING TO DIE LIKE THIS!
VROOOSH
WHAT?! THAT MOUSE IS STILL ALIVE?!
REEE
KLICK
SHEEOOOM

ASUKA!
SHEOOO
BU
YROOOSH

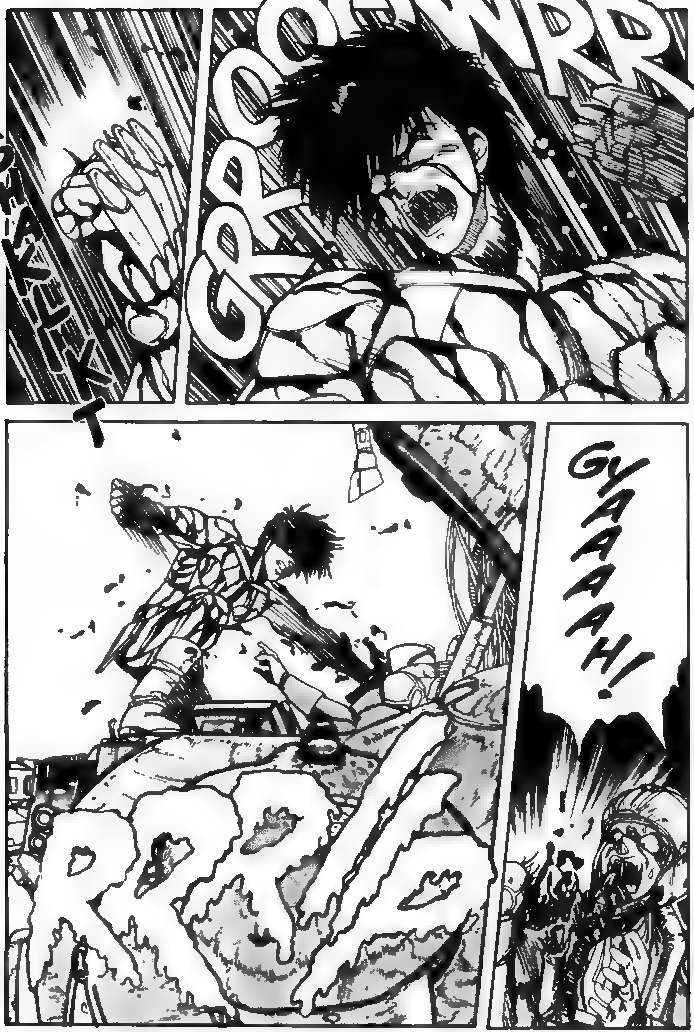
WRAMM

NOOOO!
ASUKA!
KAKRASH
BOOM

VEEEOOOM
ha, ha, ha! WE DID IT! SMASHED HIM INTO TINY PIECES!
COLONEL! I'LL BRING YOU XENON'S HEAD!
WAIT, PHILLIP!
KRUNCH
uuh
huu
aaf
huu
heh, heh, heh... THE HEAD! I'VE FOUND THE HEAD!

GRNH
?!
HEH, HEH, HEH...
ha. ha. ha. ha..
HA. HA. HA. HA. HA!
HA. HA. HA!
SKR SKR SKR
!
W-WHAT?!
SKRRIIP

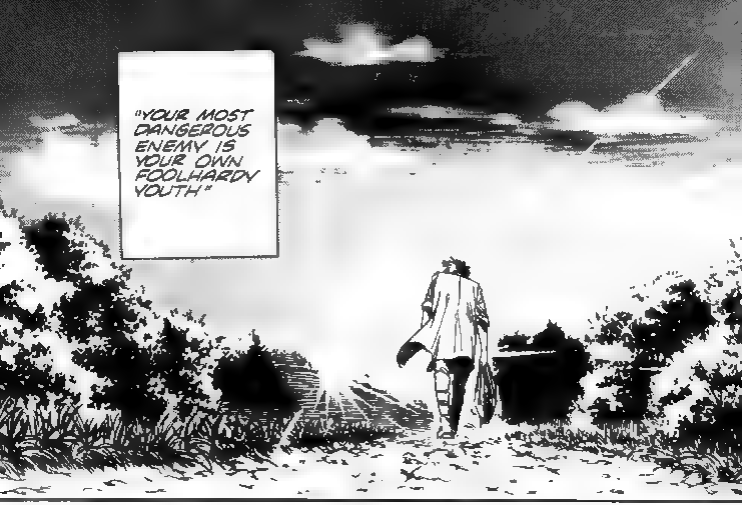
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?!
EEEEEAH!!


SHIK
GROOWRR
KRAK
GYAAAAH!

WHUMP!
MY ARM...
MY ARM!
XENON!
Y-YOU...!
CRKSSS
KEEOOOM
meep
meep
XENON...
...XENON!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU, XENON!
HEH, HEH, HEH.. YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME, EITHER...
...WILL YOU?
THAP!
VROOOSH
NOOOO!

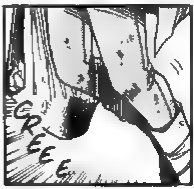
THE OPERATION IS OVER!
SHHSH
MRMR
HEH, HEH. XENON!
HEH, HEH, HEH.
HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
NOW, UP!
SEEE
HOW DID I MANAGE THAT...?
...ESCAPING WITH MY CHANGE OF CLOTHES INTACT! I MUST BE SOME KIND OF HERO!


"YOUR MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY IS YOUR OWN FOOLHARDY YOUTH"

OLD MAN HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD, DIDN'T HE?

ASUKA!

R-RYUJI..
YOKO...
...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.. I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT SICK..


GREEE

Y-YOKO ?!

ASUKA!

GRANDPA WHERE'S ASUKA ?
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ASUKA, DIDN'T IT ?
NO. SONOKO, HE'S FINE HE'S JUST SLEEPING NOW!
DON'T LIE TO ME !
I'LL NEVER TRUST YOU AGAIN!
WHY THE HELL ARE WOMEN SO INTUITIVE ?
I'M IN TROUBLE NOW.
WHAM!

WHY ON EARTH DID SONOKO WANT TO SEE ME AT THIS GODAWFUL HOUR?
I COULD REALLY GET TO HATE THIS MAZE!
LOST AGAIN, DAMN IT!
HMM?
OH!

I'M SO SORRY, ASUKA... IT WAS ALL MY FAULT... MY FAULT!
ASUKA...
SHEEEE...
...I DON'T THINK I WAS SUPPOSED TO CATCH THIS LITTLE SCENE!
NOW WHAT?
RISA...
A-ASUKA! HE'S ASLEEP! RIGHT IN HERE!
ASLEEP!
REALLY?!
OH! HI, SONOKO!
..WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

KLIK
SCREEK
ASUKA!
ASUKA!

S-SONOKO, YOU'RE REALLY HERE.. I'M NOT DREAMING THIS TIME, AM I?
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...
SILLY DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME CRYING OVER ME..
SKRITCH SKRITCH
BUT.
..IF ONLY YOU KNEW, ASUKA...
...I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT YOU!

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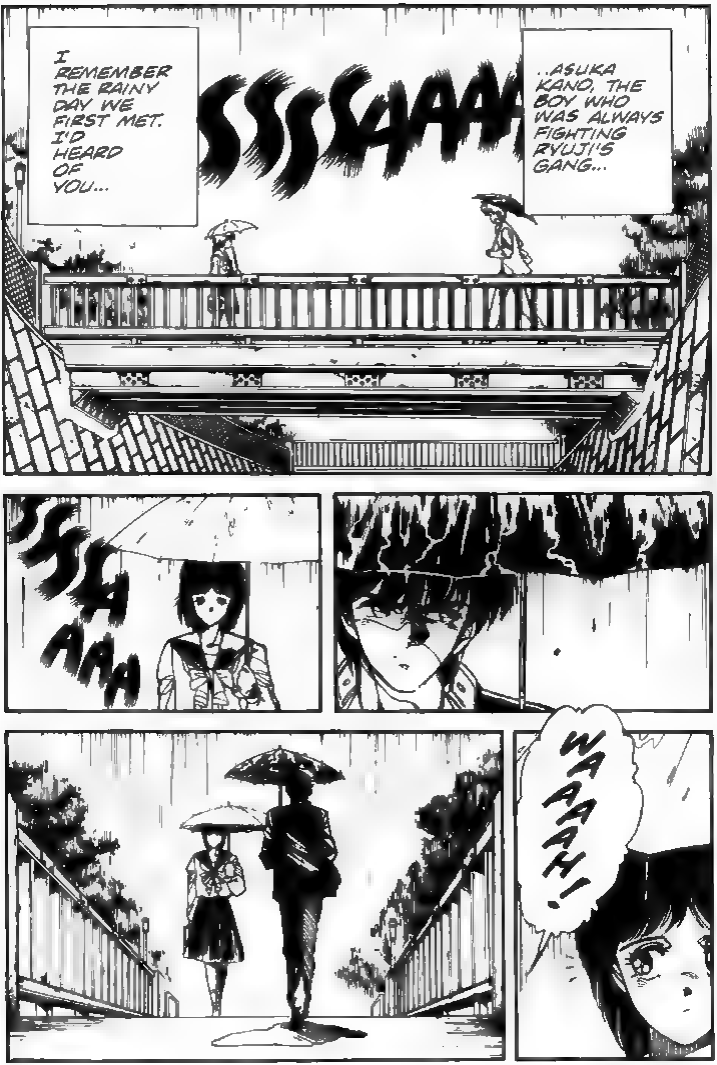

I REMEMBER THE RAINY DAY WE FIRST MET. I'D HEARD OF YOU...
SSSAAA
..ASUKA KANO, THE BOY WHO WAS ALWAYS FIGHTING RYUJI'S GANG...
SSSAAA
WAAAH!

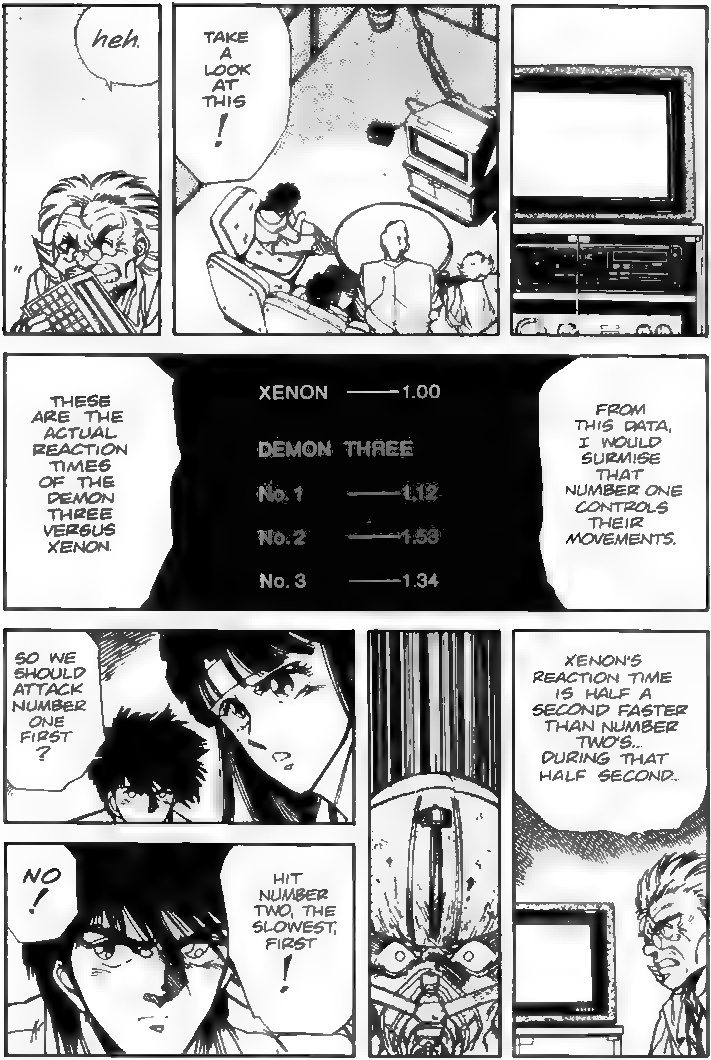
su-
su-
snf
WUH
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
MY CAT.!
MY CAT.!
HE FELL IN THE WATER! PLEASE HELP HIM!
OWR
YOWR
OH, NO! WHAT SHALL I DO!?
EEEEEH!
CHONK
HUH ?

SPLOOSH!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS GUY!
SPLASH!
MREOW
WATER'S NO PLACE FOR YOU, KITTEN!
THAT WAS GREAT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISTER!

MAKE SURE YOU WARM HIM UP WHEN YOU GET HOME, OKAY ?!
AREN'T YOU LUCKY ?!
YEAH !
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WIPE OFF WITH ?
YES, I THINK I MIGHT HAVE A SMALL CLOTH...
SNIFF
HERE !
NO, NOT ME... THE CAT!
FROM THEN ON, I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT ASUKA KANO.
AH-CHOO!

KLIK
ASUKA, THE VIDEOTAPE WHICH YOKO TOOK OF YOUR BATTLE WITH THE DEMON THREE IS VERY REVEALING. THEY REACT AS IF THEY WERE THE CHILDREN OF COMPUTERS!
THEY FORM A TRIANGLE AND KEEP THEIR TARGET AT ITS CENTER. IF THE TARGET MOVES 30 FEET TO THE RIGHT, THEIR TRIANGLE MOVES 30 FEET TO THE RIGHT
MEANWHILE, THEY SHOWER THE TARGET WITH MACHINE GUN FIRE AND MISSILES..
A
B
C
...THE TARGET, THROWN INTO CONFUSION, ALMOST SELF-DESTRUCTS...
..THEY REALLY LIVE UP TO THEIR NAME, THESE DEMON THREE..

BUT HOW DO THOSE MOBILE COMBAT PROTECTORS MOVE SO FAST ?
IF THEY WERE OPERATED BY NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS, THEY COULDN'T MOVE EVEN A HUNDREDTH AS FAST!
DID THAT WEIRD ARM ASUKA TORE OFF THAT GUY GIVE US ANY CLUES ?
WELL...
"...THE BLOODY SEA HAD A PROJECT K-- A PROJECT WHICH USED DRUGS TO RECONSTRUCT AND STRENGTHEN HUMAN BODIES.
"...THE NERVES IN THE TISSUE SAMPLE HAD BEEN CHEMICALLY ALTERED. THE REFLEXES DEVELOPED DRAMATICALLY.
"...A NORMAL HUMAN PUT THROUGH SUCH A CHANGE WOULD DIE INSTANTLY.
"...I THINK THESE THREE ENDURED IT BECAUSE OF THEIR EXCEPTIONAL STRENGTH."
BUT IS THERE ANY WAY TO DEFEAT THEM ?!


heh.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
THESE ARE THE ACTUAL REACTION TIMES OF THE DEMON THREE VERSUS XENON.
XENON ——1.00
DEMON THREE
No. 1 ——1.12
No. 2 ——1.58
No. 3 ——1.34
FROM THIS DATA, I WOULD SURMISE THAT NUMBER ONE CONTROLS THEIR MOVEMENTS.
SO WE SHOULD ATTACK NUMBER ONE FIRST?
NO!
HIT NUMBER TWO, THE SLOWEST, FIRST!
XENON'S REACTION TIME IS HALF A SECOND FASTER THAN NUMBER TWO'S.. DURING THAT HALF SECOND..

...WE WILL CONQUER THE DEMON THREE!
I'VE ALREADY LAID OUT THE GAME PLAN!
KAPOW!
!
WHAT IS IT?!
THE ENEMY?!
DAMN!

SHUUOSH!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
SHAAAA
ASUKA!
.....
hmph

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY...
...DEAR ASUKA!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
A-AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
YOU GIRLS...
HUH?
OHHHH
YOU TWO REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

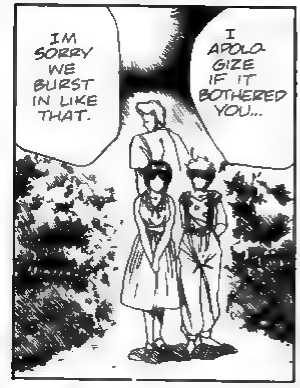
I YELLED AT YOU BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SENSIBLE! BUT YOU--!
BUT WE HAVE TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY!
NOT MY IDEA
LISTEN TO ME! IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE WITH US!
URGH!
OH--I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU!
karumph!
...?
Happy Birthday Asuka Kano
HA HA HA HA HA! HA HA HA HA HA! THAT'S RIGHT!

I-I SEE..
..IT'S MY BIRTHDAY TODAY..
..I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
ASUKA.
PHILLIP, YOU'LL GO BACK WITHOUT US.
SAMSON AND I WILL FINISH OFF XENON!

NO! IVE NEVER DISOBEYED BEFORE, BUT I CAN'T FOLLOW THIS ORDER!
YOU KNOW BEST OF ALL THAT OUR TACTICS ARE USELESS WITH JUST TWO MEN
BESIDES, SAMSON IS FAR FROM FULL CAPACITY NOW.
BUT HOW LONG CAN YOU LAST WITH YOUR INJURY?!
heh, heh, heh.. I'LL SEE THIS ONE TO THE END NO MATTER HOW MANY STIMULANTS IVE GOT TO TAKE!
I'LL USE ANY DIRTY TRICK I HAVE TO!
I WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL I HAVE XENON'S HEAD IN MY HANDS!

AND I HAVE JUST THE TRICK TO DO IT!
KRUNCH
DEMON THREE TO THE OPERATIONS ROOM! MCP UNITS REPAIRED AND FUNCTIONAL!
DAMN! IT'S TONO!
THAT SLY BASTARD!
WHIP
SAMSON, WHY IS IT THAT ONLY YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED FROM THE WORLD OF DARKNESS?
IF YOU WERE WELL, WE WOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS...

GOOD NIGHT, ASUKA.


I'M SORRY WE BURST IN LIKE THAT.
I APOLOGIZE IF IT BOTHERED YOU...

HAPPY EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY

I ENTRUST THE GIRLS TO YOU, RYUJI.
DON'T WORRY, GRAMPS.

WAIT UP!
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
GREAT, SONOKO.
I ENVY HER
SHE'S SO YOUNG...
.....
.SO CUTE. AND INNOCENT.
IF ONLY I COULD BE LIKE HER AGAIN...

3 06
GOOD NIGHT! HAVE A GOOD TIME!
SILLY!
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
ALONE AT LAST!
I WAS RIGHT TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY..
I HOPE...

KNOCK KNOCK
M-MY FATHER.
YES?
..I-I HEARD HIS JOB WAS LIKE YOUR GRANDFATHER'S
OH, YEAH..?
YEAH BUT, WELL.. ON MY FIFTH BIRTHDAY..
MAYBE HE WAS IN A HURRY OR SOMETHING ANYWAY. THERE.. THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT DURING AN EXPERIMENT, AND HE.. HE DIED.
I'M SO SORRY! IF I HAD KNOWN, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE...!
WAIT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! LET ME FINISH MY STORY!
SN-SN-SNIFF
!?
SNIF

YOU.. YOU SEE...
...AFTER HE DIED, THESE GANGSTER TYPES WOULD SHOW UP AT THE DOOR AGAIN AND AGAIN, TRYING TO COLLECT ON MY FATHER'S DEBTS. ALL MY RELATIVES GAVE US THE COLD SHOULDER AND THE KIDS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD
THEY--THEY STARTED TO TORMENT ME.. I-I JUST HAVE A HARD TIME TRUSTING THE PEOPLE AROUND ME SOMETIMES..
..I MEAN
..WELL, ...WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS..
...I CAN'T BE STRAIGHT WITH PEOPLE..
!
..HONESTLY, SONOKO.. I WAS HAPPY TODAY..
..NOBODY HAS EVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT FOR ME

THANK YOU.
STILL..
...WHAT YOKO SAID IS TRUE!
YOU JUST CAN'T HANG AROUND US!
MY HANDS ARE FULL ENOUGH AS IT IS..
..I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO PROTECT YOU.
. WHAT IS IT?
. GOOD NIGHT
ASUKA, I WONDER WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CAT WE SAW ON THAT RAINY DAY IS DOING?
MY HOUSE IS JUST OVER THERE. YOU CAN GO BACK NOW
OKAY.

I'M A FOOL! HE'LL NEVER REMEMBER THAT!
PROBABLY SLEEPING PEACEFULLY ON THE TOWEL YOU GAVE THAT LITTLE GIRL..
OH, ASUKA! GOOD NIGHT!
HMM
AND I GET STUCK WITH THE DWEEB!

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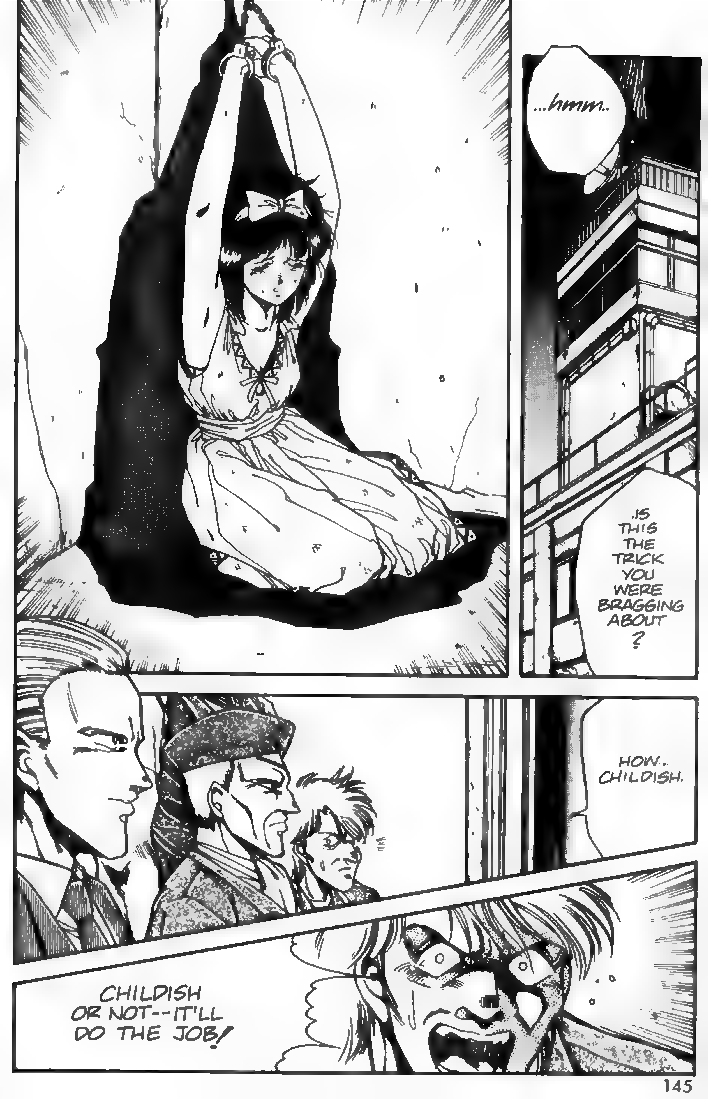
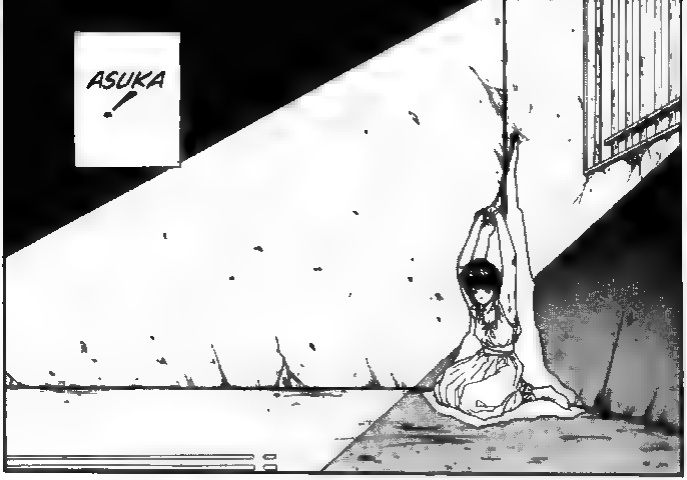
IT'S FINISHED!
THIS IS THE WEAPON THAT WILL BEAT THE DEMON THREE.
WELL, IT LOOKS IMPRESSIVE!
YOU'RE A REAL GENIUS, GRAMPS!


...hmm.
IS THIS THE TRICK YOU WERE BRAGGING ABOUT?
HOW. CHILDISH.
CHILDISH OR NOT--IT'LL DO THE JOB!

THIS TIME WE'LL SETTLE THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
CLIC
ALL RIGHT, THEN.. I WILL ARRANGE FOR XENON TO BE HERE..
CLIC
SHUUMP
GOOD LUCK!
DAMN!
THAT BASTARD MUST KNOW EVERYTHING!

WHERE XENON IS..
WHAT HE IS..
TONO'S ONE SLY BASTARD!
OH, SHUT UP! IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US!
B-BUT...
WE'RE MERCENARIES! THEY HIRED US! THEY MADE US WHAT WE ARE! WE JUST DO WHAT THEY SAY!
YES, SIR!
uhmm.
..UH, XENON..?
..WHAT ARE THEY SAYING...?


ASUKA
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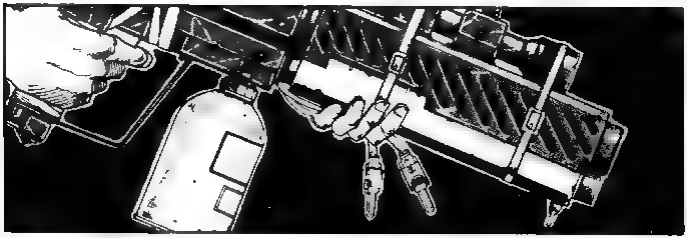

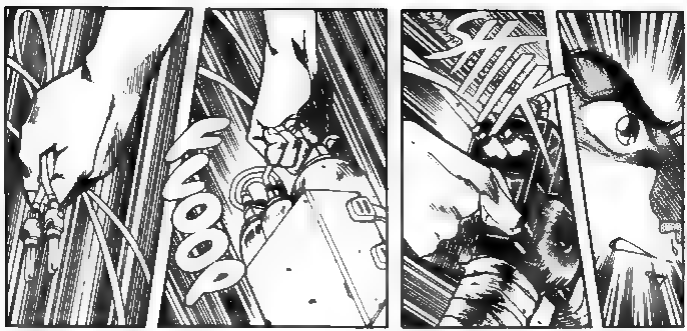
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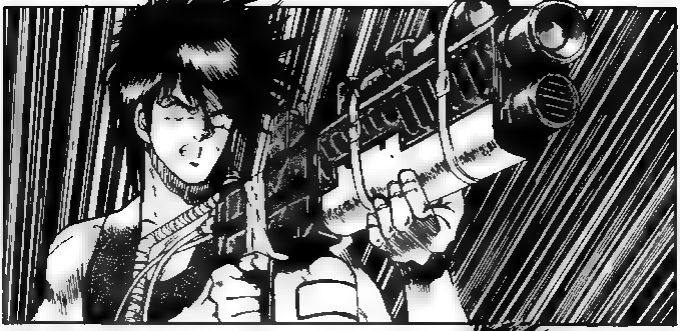
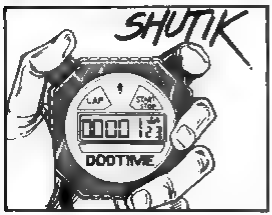


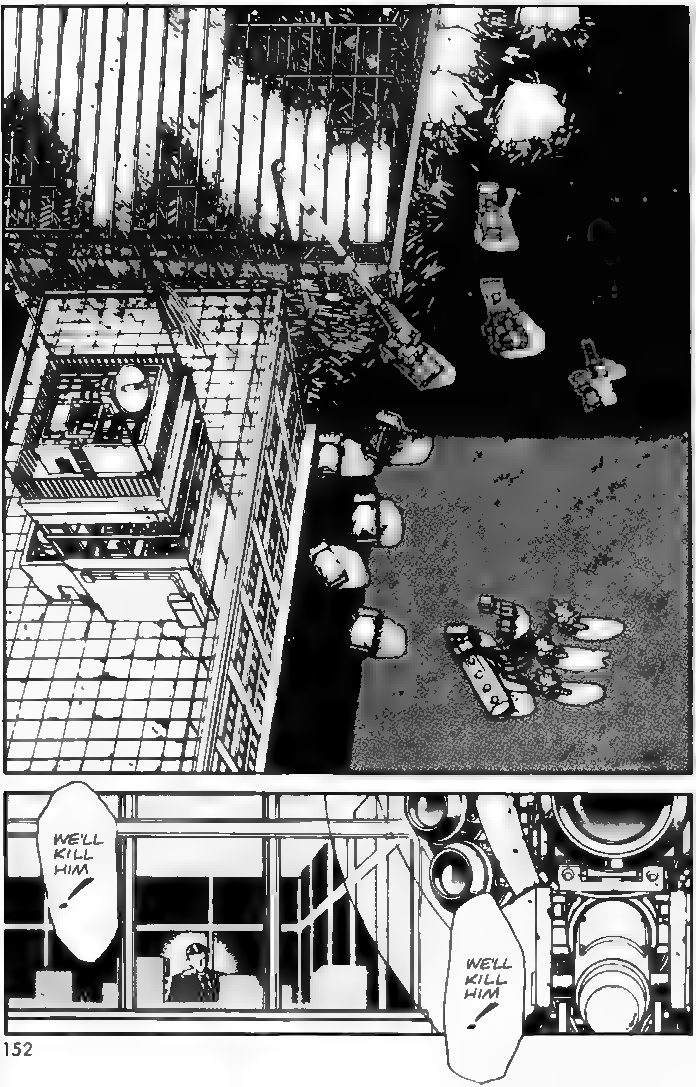

SHUTIK
LAP
START STOP
DOOTIME

NOT A BAD TIME FOR CHANGING FROM BEAM TO CANNON.
PHEW!

...I'M SORRY I COULDN'T GET THEM BOTH TO RUN OFF THE SAME POWER PACK.
NO. THIS'LL WORK FINE. I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET USED TO SWITCHING PACKS.

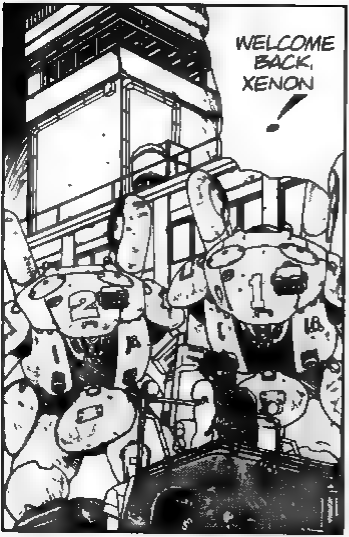
THE LEFT PACK IS FOR THE TEN SECOND BEAM.
..THE RIGHT POWERS FOUR COMPRESSED BEAM CANNON SHELLS..
..THIS NEW HELMET HAS A BETTER SENSOR AND IS EASIER TO SYNCHRONIZE
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO STOP THE MOVEMENT OF THE MCP UNITS. HALF A SECOND IS ALL THE TIME YOU'LL HAVE!
OKAY!
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
ASUKA !
WHAT HAP-PENED, RISA ?!
ASUKA ! GRAMPS !
AGH!
HEY!

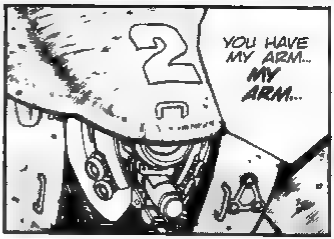
SONOKO..
SONOKO WAS..
WHAT?!
SONOKO DIDN'T MAKE IT BACK HOME?!
WAS IT THEM?
I TOLD YOU GIRLS!
DAMN! WHY DIDN'T THEY ATTACK US DIRECTLY?!
ASUKA!
THIS TIME IT'S OVER!!


WE'LL KILL HIM!
WE'LL KILL HIM!

WE'LL KILL HIM!
WE'LL KILL HIM!
WE'LL KILL HIM!
meep
meep
meep
WELL, MEN, HE'S HERE.
VURROOOM!

SCREEE!


WELCOME BACK, XENON!


YOU HAVE MY ARM... MY ARM...

..BUT SEE WHAT I HAVE IN MY HAND ?!

SKREEE
UNH!
A-ASUKA!
KA-THOOM
SO IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK HER!
KA-THOOM
SONOKO!
WE DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS, YOU KNOW.
BUT THIS IS OUR BUSINESS, AFTER ALL.
BUSINESS? WHY, THOSE SCUM-SUCKING.
ASUKA! IT'S READY!
YOU'VE SOLD YOURSELVES BODY AND SOUL TO THE BLOODY SEA!
FOR THAT YOU WILL DIE!
KA-THOOM
KA-THOOM

NOOOOOO!
RIP
RIP
TWISTED..
NO! DON'T LOOK AT ME! DON'T LOOK AT ME!
ha, ha, ha!
HOW TOUCHING! NOW, DON'T MOVE, XENON!
IF YOU SO MUCH AS FLEX A MUSCLE, SHE'S MINCEMEAT!
ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!
ka THOOM
kaTHOOM

DON'T LISTEN, ASUKA! JUST KILL THEM!
heh, heh, heh!
WHAT A TOUCHING SCENE! AFTER WE KILL XENON, WHO KNOWS WHAT WE MIGHT DO?
WITHOUT ARMOUR, WE CAN DESTROY HIS FACE IN AN INSTANT!
!!
BECAUSE OF ME, ASUKA WILL BE KILLED.
...BECAUSE OF ME!

WE'VE GOT TO SAVE SONOKO!
COUNT TO THREE AND THEN PLUNGE THE JEEP STRAIGHT INTO THEM!
OKAY, ASUKA...
3
2
1
I WISH I WERE DEAD!
WHAT?!

SHE BIT HER TONGUE
UNH!
!
DON'T
DO IT!
O-O...

FROOSH
WHAT HAPPENED!?
WHUMP
SLAMASH!

MY ARM!? MY MCP ARM !
THE TARGET HAS A NEW WEAPON !
WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE TACTICS/ USE THE TRIANGLE !
SPREAD OUT !
KRANG
KRANG
KRANG
...eh..
...eh..
SONOKO !

KATHOOM
WE CAME TO SAVE YOU!
..guh..
guh..
KATHOOM
DAMN!
KATHOOM
ST-STUPID!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HER, ASUKA! YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT!
SHUT UP!
LEAVE HER WITH US.. AND DESTROY THEM!
KATHOOM
SHE COULD SUFFOCATE! D-DON'T LET HER SWALLOW HER TONGUE!
WE WON'T!

DON'T LET SONOKO DIE!
WHEN ASUKA KANO'S HEART RATE GOES BEYOND ITS NORMAL LIMIT, AN ARTIFICIAL HEART KICK'S IN..
GADOW!
..AND THE XENON SYSTEM BECOMES OPERATIONAL / HIS SPECIAL SKIN, A THIN COVERING OF XENONICS K30 WITH A MEMORY OF ITS OWN, QUICKLY BEGINS TO HARDEN.

SHA thumm
SHEEOM
..FROM THAT INSTANT ON, ASUKA'S HUMAN BRAIN CAN COMMAND THE XENON SYSTEM AT WILL!

I'LL KILL YOU, XENON!
I'LL KILL YOU!
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF, PHILLIP!
PLEASE, COLONEL! PLEASE LET ME KILL XENON!
ONE STUPID ERROR OF MINE, AND THE DEMON THREE WERE DEAD!
I LET YOU AND SAMSON BE KILLED ONCE..
KILLING XENON IS THE ONLY WAY TO REDEEM MYSELF.
. ISN'T THAT SO, SAMSON?!
SAY SOMETHING, SAMSON! ANYTHING!
PHILLIP
YOU.

SHEEEOOM
"DURING THAT HALF SECOND, WE WILL CONQUER THE DEMON THREE!"
"I WISH I WERE DEAD!"
NOW!
bree
CLONK
SHOOOM

TARGET HAS MOVED 3.5 METERS NORTHEAST!
THERE'S NO ESCAPE THIS TIME, XENON!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
VAM!
WHA?!

XENON!
YOU--
KABLAM
PHILLIP!
ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO!

SCENE 8

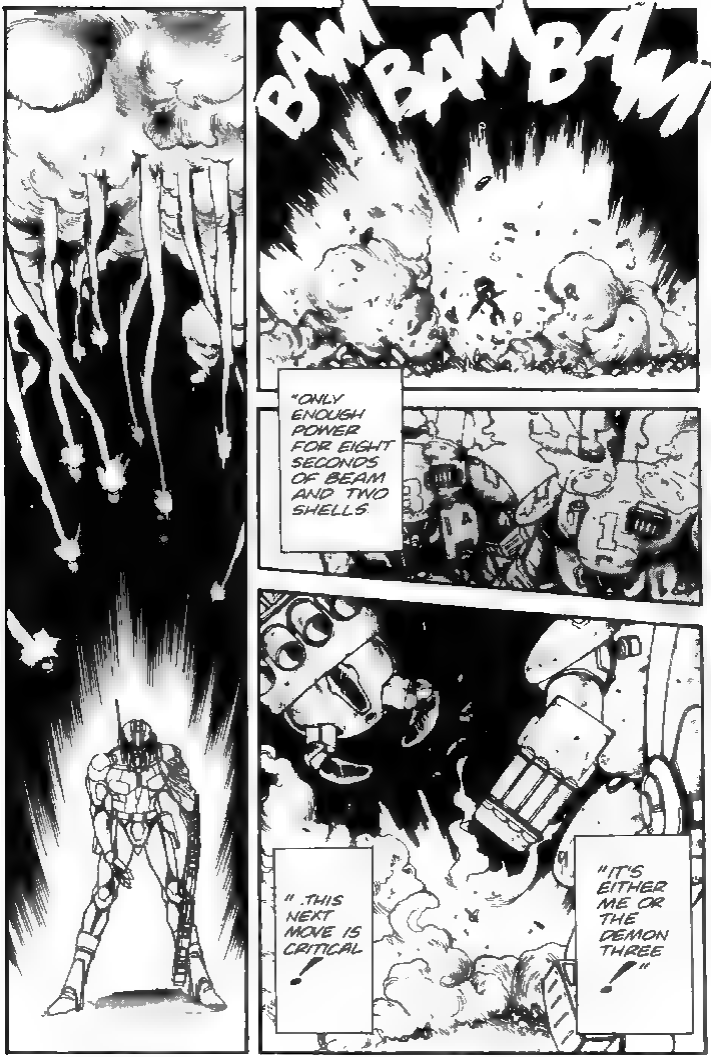
THE ROAMING OF DEMONS

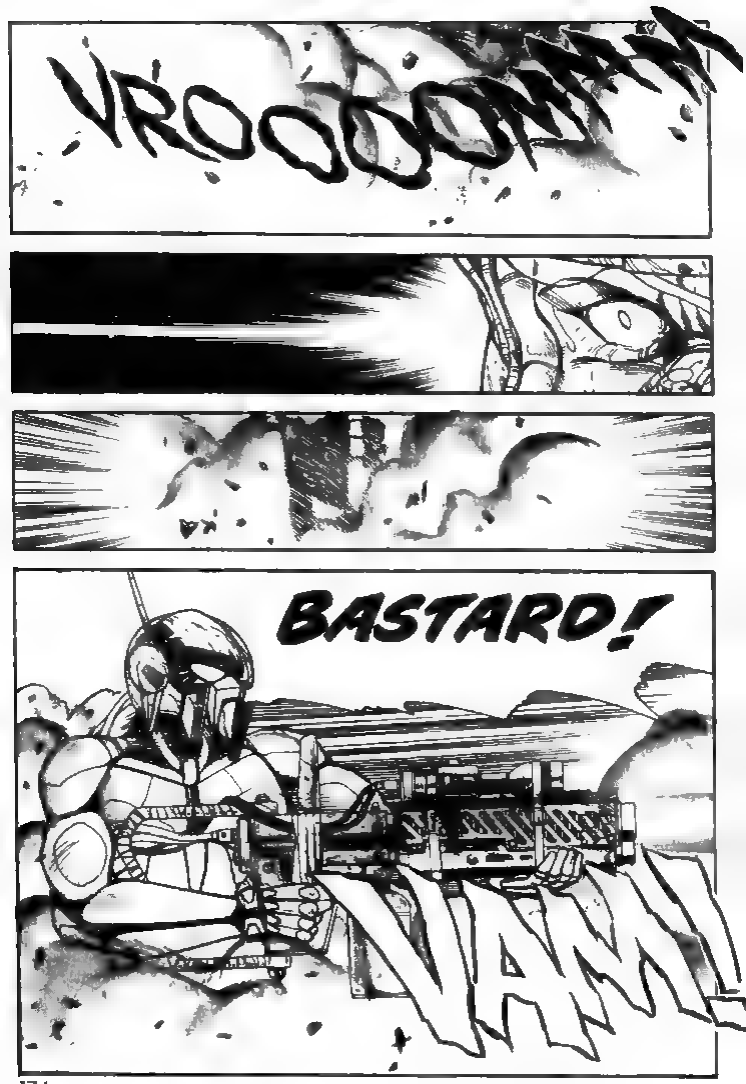
VIII

PHILLIP!
BUHWRAM!!!
YOU...
...YOU KILLED PHILLIP!

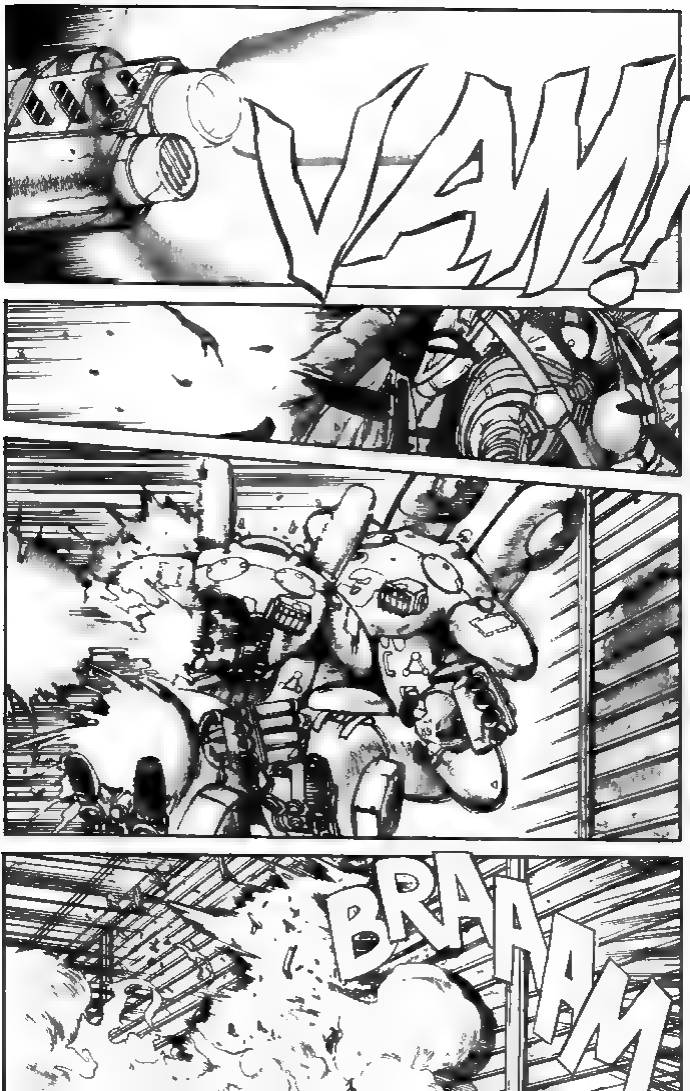
FIRE ALL MISSILES!
KRAKOOM!

breep breep breep
MONITOR 1
breep
DANGER
breep
THIS IS THEIR SAME OLD PLAN OF ATTACK!
I WON'T BE KILLED SO EASILY!
VAM!
BA BAM! BAM!


BAM BAM BAM
"ONLY ENOUGH POWER FOR EIGHT SECONDS OF BEAM AND TWO SHELLS.
"...THIS NEXT MOVE IS CRITICAL!
"IT'S EITHER ME OR THE DEMON THREE!"


VROOOOM
BASTARD!

BLAM BLAM BLAM
WH-WHAT ?!
XENON!
CHK!
THIS IS IT!
YAAAAH!
BRATTA BRATTA BRATTA


VLAM!
BRAAAM

SSSSS SSSSS
Krrch
..A HARDER FIGHT THAN WE EXPECTED.. XENON.
..YOU'VE BEATEN US..
JERK!
THIS IS NO GAME...
IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WINNING OR LOSING!

HEH..
WHAT?!
C-COLONEL!
SAMSON! YOU'VE RECOVERED YOUR MEMORY!
COLONEL...

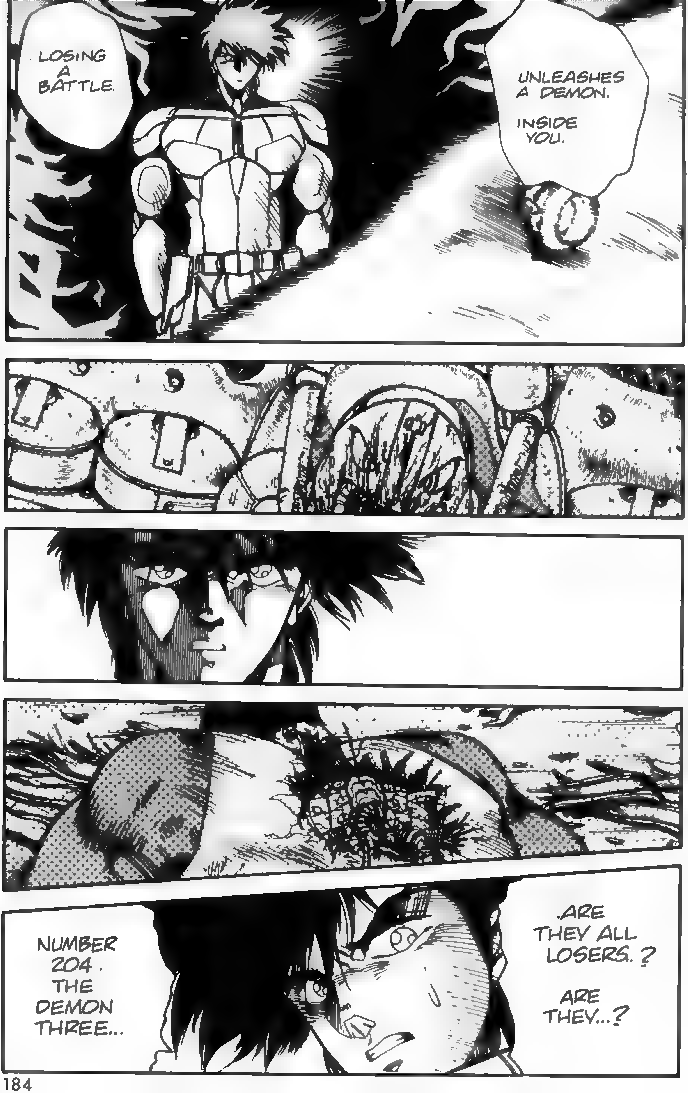
I WILL RELEASE YOU FROM MY CONTROL..
..THE TARGET IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!
SHRIPT
GAH..
UNGHHH
AAAGGGGHHH!
unh unh
SAMSON!
MY WHOLE BODY! THE PAIN!
COLONEL... AM I STILL ALIVE?!

DO I STILL HAVE TO KILL PEOPLE?
NOOOOOO!
STOP!
O-DAMN!
SPL
RRIP

COLONEL..
I..
FUUMP
spk
spit
H-HE'S...
LIKE ME...
heh, heh.
ha.. ha. ha..
ha. ha.
ha.
AS SOON AS HE RECOVERED HIS MEMORY, HE WAS EATEN BY THE MACHINE..
...IRONIC, ISN'T IT?

I HAVENT BEEN INVOLVED IN SUCH A GOOD FIGHT FOR A LONG TIME..
"GOOD FIGHT"?
THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN MURDER!
I GUESS KILLING ANOTHER MAN.. MAKES ONE INSANE..
..LIKE A KIND OF DISEASE.
..heh..
heh, heh
..HOW ODD.. THAT PHILLIP AND SAMSON, MY DEMONS.. WOULD HAVE SUCH HUMAN EMOTIONS.
PERHAPS.. ONLY I..
WAS A DEMON..

SO..
IS THE GIRL DEAD ?
I WON'T LET HER DIE...
I SEE.
..XENON...
WATCH OUT FOR TONO...
..HE IS.. DANGEROUS...
..DON'T LOSE..
..YOUR FIGHT.
XENON


LOSING A BATTLE.
UNLEASHES A DEMON.
INSIDE YOU.
NUMBER 204. THE DEMON THREE...
ARE THEY ALL LOSERS.?
ARE THEY...?

D-DAMN...
..WHY DO I STILL FEEL SO ANGRY ?
BASTARD!
"OH, XENON...
YOU DO ENTERTAIN ME!"

MINAGAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL
WHY ?
NITTA, SONOKO
SONOKO NOT ONLY DISAPPEARED FOR TWO DAYS, BUT NOW YOU TELL ME SHE WAS INVOLVED IN AN EXPLOSION AT THE U.S. MILITARY BASE...
...HOW DID MY DAUGHTER HAPPEN TO BE THERE ?!
EASY, DEAR...WE SHOULD BE GLAD THAT NOTHING SERIOUS HAPPENED TO SONOKO...
...I'M SURE THERE WAS A REASON FOR THIS, HONEY. LET'S JUST NOT BOTHER HER ABOUT IT NOW.

THEY TELL ME YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN A WEEK...
SO ST-STUPID!
LIFE IS JUST A SOAP OPERA TO YOU!
DID YOU THINK IT WOULD HELP ME IF YOU DIED?
SILLY G-GIRL!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE?
snf snf
YOU DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT HOW THE REST OF US MIGHT FEEL...
...SELFISH...
hic hic
wmh
hmwu

ENOUGH OF THAT, SONOKO.
mm-
I-I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE PEOPLE DIE BEFORE MY EYES..
..I WON'T BE SELFISH ANY LONGER...
...I NOW HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO PRO-TECT YOU...
...SO...
JUST THEN, THE PICTURE OF ASUKA THAT I CARRIED INSIDE ME...
..STARTED TO DISSOLVE, BECOMING SMALLER AND SMALLER. AND I WAS VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT.

TO BE CONTINUED..